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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

After a long hiatus, *Herbertia* has surfaced again. As you can see, this is a double volume issue; it is an attempt to help recover the publication time that has been lost. You are invited to review the “expiration date” that is printed above your name on the mailing label (Expires end of Publication Year 20xx). In partial compensation for our delays in publishing, everyone who was a member as of last September (and every institutional subscription) received an extra year of membership as gratis — and this is reflected in your individual “expiration date.” Publishing a double volume also saves the Society the expense of mailing two separate issues — journal-mailing expenses incurred for international members currently equal the journal publication costs. A postal category of “surface mail” delivery no longer exists, so this membership option is no longer available regarding memberships. Dues do not cover expenses, which is one reason why we are attempting to raise operating monies through donations received via the Seed and Bulb Exchange (SX/BX) that is operated on the IBS E-mail Forum (IBSMEMBERS).

I would like to briefly address my basic editorial philosophy. I inherited the Editor’s position in mid May, only a few months ago. I will do my best to restore *Herbertia* back onto a regular publishing cycle. It is my intent to follow closely the basic guidelines of Dr. Hamilton Traub, the Society’s founder, and I am quoting him: “The editorial policy of the Year Book is to publish timely articles but without too much formality. The Year Book will be at all times of, for, and by the members of the Society. However, when necessary to establish fundamental facts, entirely technical papers will be published.” The opening paragraph in the “Guidelines for Contributors” near the back of the journal indicates the general types of articles that will be encouraged and accepted. So please, a journal cannot exist without contributors — and that’s you.

A few brief comments about the contents of Volume 59 are in order. The 2004 Herbert Medalist, Floris Barnhoorn, is the son of a previous Herbert Medalist, Floor Barnhoorn — if you have a copy of *Plant Life* Vol 32, 1976, you may wish to compare pictures of father and son. This is the first father-son Herbert Medal pairing in the Society’s history. (There was a previous mother-daughter pairing of Herbert Medalists: Mrs. Morris W. Clint in 1957 and Mrs. Marcia Clint Wilson in 1984.) The 2005 Herbert Medalist, Herbert Kelly Jr., current IBS President, Director of the Seed and Bulb Exchange, and Director of Awards Committee, considers Dr. Traub to have been a mentor as well as being a close personal friend. Dr. Charles Gorenstein, the 2005 Traub Awardee, is a former IBS Board Member, having managed the IBS Seed Exchange for many years and having organized the initial IBS Website. Then for your enjoyment and perusal, you will find articles on *Hippeastrum*, *Hymenocallis*, *Cyrtanthus*, *Crinum*, Brazilian Amaryllidaceae, *Allium*, *Rhinopetalum*, and *Zephyranthes*.

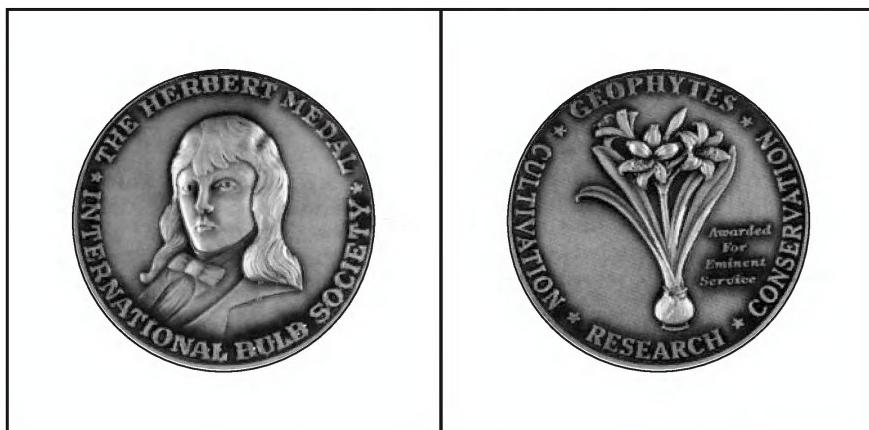
—David J. Lehmiller, Editor

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THE HERBERT MEDAL



The Herbert Medal is the highest honor that the International Bulb Society can bestow upon a person for meritorious achievement in advancing the knowledge of bulbous plants. The medal is named for William Herbert (1778-1847), son of Henry Herbert, Earl of Carnarvon. William Herbert had a predilection for amaryllids and achieved success in their hybridization. He published his research findings in several monumental works. His contributions as a pioneer geneticist and plant breeder, and his arrangement of the Amaryllidaceae, helped set the stage upon which other workers, both amateur and professional, have been able to advance.

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FLORIS BARNHOORN



FLORIS BARNHOORN

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

I was born in the town of Sassenheim on May 10, 1943, the first of five children. Sassenheim was a small town in the centre of the traditional flower-bulb-growing district of Holland and a stone's throw away from the famed Keukenhof Flower Bulb Display Gardens. The Barnhooms for many generations had been farmers and bulb growers in this district.

My late father grew up in this area and after leaving school at the age of 14 (times were hard after the 1st World War), he started work in the bulb fields. He soon progressed to being a buyer or “commission agent.” In the dark days before the advent of the 2nd World War, my father started dreaming of having his own flower bulb farm, and he realized that his best chance to achieve this ambition would be to move to South Africa, the natural home of many bulb species.

When my father first mooted this scheme to his girlfriend just before the outbreak of the 2nd World War, her response was: “You go on your own. I’m not going to emigrate to Darkest Africa.” So the idea was kind-of-dropped, and they were married in 1942. In 1943 I came along, and 3 years later in 1946 there were 4 children (one set of twins was involved!).

So, the idea of emigration to Darkest Africa was resurrected. My mother of course now had little choice! The move was made in 1948. A Company was set up between 4 partners and was named the “Harry Deleeuw Company” after the partner who handled sales and administration. My father busied himself with production and breeding.

It was realized from the start that there was a great potential in the idea of growing specific bulbs in the Southern Hemisphere and sending them to the Northern Hemisphere in the “wrong” (or opposite) season so that they would flower out of season. One such potential was *Hippeastrum* or “Amaryllis” as we commonly called them. By growing these in the Southern Hemisphere summer (September to May), they could be harvested during the Southern Winter (May through August) and transported to the Northern Autumn to be potted up and be ready to bloom during the fall, the winter and over the Christmas period.

Soon *Hippeastrum* hybrid bulbs were imported from Holland and species were obtained from South America as well as a feral South African form that had apparently “escaped” from a collection of an early colonial

official to Africa. A breeding program was started as the intention was (and still is) to market only our own exclusive range of cultivars or our own “brand” of “Amaryllis.”

I was a boy aged five when the family emigrated from Holland to South Africa. We had moved from a smart house on the main street of a quaint clean Dutch village to a two-roomed shack in the sticks, 30 miles from Johannesburg, reachable only by an unpaved, muddy road. There was neither electricity nor running piped water. The “long-drop” lavatory was 50 yards from the front door in one direction and the bathroom 50 yards away in the other direction. There were snakes in the grass and monkeys in the trees. My mother had to cook on a “primus” stove. She hated it. The kids loved it. My father promised her that he would take her back to Holland to visit after four years. He promised that if after four months there she wanted to stay, they would all move back to Holland and forget the whole deal. After four years we went back on holiday, and guess who wanted to go back to Africa after a few weeks? My mother!

South Africa in those days was everything a growing boy could want in life. I grew up in a carefree, barefoot, outdoor, sun drenched paradise marred only by having to attend school every day from 8 am till 2 pm. School was 15 miles away by bus. The bus often became stuck in the mud caused by heavy summer thunderstorms. Unfortunately this tended always to happen on the way back from school, as there was a particularly steep hill to negotiate. I did not like school. I yearned for the outdoors every single day of my school life. I was often berated for staring out of the windows, dreaming.

I graduated from High school at age 17 in 1962 and started my career in the company. The first year I was shunted between all the outdoor growing operations in which every department was busiest at the time. My father was of the opinion that two things were very important in this stage of a youngster’s life: 1) You had to learn to work; and 2) You had to start at the bottom.

When I was 19 years old, Dad packed me off to work in Germany for a year. This was so I could learn: 1) What it’s like to work for someone else; and 2) To make me independent. Here I worked in a well-known wholesale seed and bulb packaging and distribution company which employed about 60 young girls amongst its staff. After 10 months, when my time was running out, I wrote home and asked Dad if I could spend another year away to learn more. I mentioned Sweden. I was turned down.

When I returned back home, I was enrolled as assistant salesman and spent much of the next year selling bulbs in South Africa. Although I gradually became more and more involved in the sales and admin side of things, I have always had a keen fascination with the breeding of *Hippeastrum* and have throughout been deeply involved in steering the hybridizing work in directions I thought exciting and new.

I testify with absolute confidence that both my staff and my wife will unhesitatingly classify me as a person difficult to please. To have a constant quest for perfection and to be never satisfied with the status quo is often not easy for the people around you. My most exciting time of the year is when the new batch of hybrids flower for the first time. There is nothing like the joy of seeing a new possible star. I also see our hybridizing program as an investment in the future.

I can remember when I was a youngster that we had only mixed hybrids to offer. We had “red hybrids” and “pink hybrids” and so on. It was in 1957 that the first real break-through was made with the cultivar “Zanzibar.” This was ready for marketing from 1963 onwards and is the only cultivar of this era still available today, although it is now also, sadly on its way out to make room for superior offerings.

These days we are hybridizing at an ever-increasing scale, mainly as a result of the diversity of “Amaryllis” having become so much broader. In the old days we only had the large flowered types. In 1997 we introduced the concept of three size classifications. This had become necessary because of the introduction of “Amaryllis” which had smaller size blooms than the conventional types available. Now we have a whole range of types and these now look to be officially classified by the Dutch K.A.V.B., broadly into:

Symphony = Large flowered

Sonata = Medium size blooms

Sonatini = Small size blooms

(and perhaps) Solo = Very small blooms.

Exact flower sizes are to be determined and are under review. We are very excited about these new developments which we are sure are going to revolutionize the “Amaryllis” world.

A range of cultivars in the Sonata and Sonatini classes is already available, in some instances also in double flowering forms. The Solo range (tiny blooms) is under development, and we are very excited about these as we envisage these not only for multiple pot-planting use (the bulbs are often the size of a golf or ping-pong ball!) but also for mass garden planting in

milder climates.

In addition there will be several other divisions as much work is presently being done with *Hippeastrum cybister* and various other species to create new flower forms, as well as other new departures.

Since my early years in this game, I have stuck to a set of rules or desirable traits to look for. We have not deviated from these, except in the past 15 years or so in the work on small flowering and miniature flowing cultivars of *Hippeastrum*. The basic requirements for a successful new clone are (not in sequence of importance):

1. High number of blooms per stem, and high number of stems per bulb.
2. Good proportion between bloom size, stem length and foliage length.
3. Ease of growing (both for commercial grower and end-user).
4. High resistance to disease.
5. Firm skinned bulbs with strong root systems.
6. Good color definition and quality.
7. Strong stems.
8. Long lasting blooms.
9. Well formed blooms.

This year we are twin-scaling 50,000 large bulbs, all of newest clones, which should give us 2,000,000 large bulbs back in 2 years time.

Anyway, let's get back to the story. It was in 1964 that I got my real lucky break in life. I met Hilary. We were married in 1966. Our two children, Stuart (1969) and Charles (1975) are both actively involved in Hadeco and both are most enthusiastic about carrying on the traditions of the past whilst at the same time moving the company forward into the future. In April 1999 I bought out my two brothers, Daniel and Andre, who were co-shareholders with me until then.

If I look back at how we used to do things in the past and compare that to the methods of today, I am always amazed at the progress we have been able to make. I remember packing huge wooden crates with "Amaryllis" and manually hauling these first on to trucks, then from the trucks on to railway wagons, off-load manually at the docks and loading them manually one-by-one into the cooler holds of the ships to take them across the ocean to Europe and the States. Today the crates are much lighter and smaller, we have assembly belts for packing, we have forklift trucks, and above all, we pack straight into high tech, temperature and humidity controlled, integral (own power unit) reefer containers. We have also had our share of hassles

with politics in the past and still do at present.

It was during October 1986 that the USA as well as the Nordic countries of Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland declared economic sanctions against South Africa because of the practice of "apartheid" here. This forced us to do some fast thinking and planning. In those days all our "Amaryllis" bulbs destined for export to the USA went by airfreight. The only carrier to fly to the USA from South Africa was South African Airways (SAA). The USA Government revoked SAA's licence to operate to New York overnight during October 1986. We had our last consignment of that season (8 tons) on the very last flight out of Johannesburg to New York. But what to do for the next year and there after? We registered a company in the small neighboring country of Swaziland, called it Swazibulb and set up a growing operation in that country. This enabled us to process all our documentation and product as origin of Swaziland. What we lost was our USDA pre-inspection program. We have been operating ever since without pre-inspection. Sanctions also forced us to find alternative transport means. We made it work although it was complicated and expensive. Our now "Swaziland" product was air freighted by Air France Boeing 747 freighters from Johannesburg to Paris, France - 50 tons at a time - then transferred onto trucks and road transported the 270 mile journey from Paris to the sea port of Rotterdam. At Rotterdam the goods were loaded into 40' reefer containers and sea-shipped to New York.

Although those problems are now in the past, we have a new set of problems to cope with - the "new" South Africa of "reverse apartheid." We now have "affirmative action" which favors jobs and contracts to black people over white people. We have R.D.P. (Reconstruction and Development Program), which is designed to do much the same thing. We have militant unions and unworkable labor laws. We have wholesale theft and car hijackings, strikes, taxes on water use, land grabs, and more. But we are still here, growing some 100 million bulbs (42 different kinds) and some 40 million cut flower stems (12 different kinds) per annum, all produced in-house by Hadeco on seven "farms." We have about 600 acres under cultivation, and we employ a permanent staff of 700 and seasonally up to 800 part-timers on top of that.

It is our aim to keep improving on perfection of product especially in "Amaryllis" breeding. To do this we need to work with as many species as possible. There are academics who believe that species should be left in the wild or at most be collected and held only by amateur collectors and not fall

into the hands of commercial entities. This is a dangerously misguided philosophy. The best (and in some instances, the only) way to preserve or even re-introduce endangered species, is to let professional growers and hybridizers hold and multiply stocks, much the same as is being done with the giant panda and black rhinoceros and other endangered species around the globe.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HIPPEASTRUM CULTIVARS INTRODUCED:

Summertime® (1980).....Symphony type, Nyron Rose HCC 623.

Wedding Dance® (1980)...Symphony type, Pure white.

Intokazi® (1981).....Symphony type, Pure white.

Sundance® (1982).....Symphony type, Vermillion HCC 18.

Carnival® (1983).....Symphony type, Cardinal red HCC 822.

Miracle® (1985).....Symphony type, Cardinal red HCC 822, velvety sheen.

Candy Floss® (1986).....Symphony type, Spiral rose HCC 625, greenish white throat.

Merry Christmas® (1986)..Symphony type, Orient red HCC 819.

Blushing Bride® (1987)....Symphony type, Rose Madder HCC 23/2, streaked white.

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Double Six® (1991).....Symphony type, Signal red HCC 719.

Ragtime® (1993)....Symphony type, Double flowering, Orient red HCC 819.

Razzle Dazzle® (1995).....Symphony type, Signal red HCC 719, white striped.

Rio® (1996).....Symphony type, Double flowering, Vermillion HCC 18, streaked white with white center.

Rozetta® (1997).....Symphony type, Double flowering, Nyron rose HCC 623, with greenish white throat and petals, streaked.

Veneto® (1997).....Sonatini type, Salmon pink, streaked white.

Pizzazz® (1998).....Sonatini type, Signal red HCC 719, white star center.

Snow White® (1998).....Symphony type, Double flowering, Pure white.

Razzmatazz® (1998).....Symphony type, Double flowering, Vermillion HCC 18, prominent white bands in petal centers.

Joker® (1998).....Sonata type, Signal red streaked over white background.

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Amico® (1999).....Sonatini type, Dark red with white brushed centre.

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surrounded by small white star.
Piccolo® (2000).....Sonatini type, Red-white center.
Pico Bello® (2000).....Sonata type, Porcelain rose HCC 620, White centre.
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Gold Medal® (2002).....Symphony type, Signal red HCC 719, White star
centre.
Trentino® (2002).....Sonatini type, White with red edges.
Vegas® (2003)....Symphony type, Double flowering, White with red centre.
Super Star® (2004).....Symphony type, Cardinal red HCC 822.
Hollywood® (2004).....Symphony type, Delft rose HCC 020/1.
Rock 'n Roll® (2004).....Symphony type, Double flowering, Orient red
HCC 819, with white centre.

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1. Barnhoorn, F. 1995. Growing Bulbs in Southern Africa. ISBN 1868125645.
2. Barnhoorn, F. 1997. Growing Bulbs in Southern Africa.
[Afrikaans translation]

OTHER:

1. 1985-1989. Chairman of South African Flower Growers Association.
2. Published many articles and editorials in gardening magazines and periodicals.
3. Hosted numerous radio and TV programs on growing flower bulbs.

2005 HERBERT MEDALIST

HERBERT KELLY JR.



HERBERT KELLY JR**AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

I was born on March 11, 1944 in Fresno, California. During my early years I lived with my Armenian grandmother and grandfather, Zabel and Solomon Shaterian. Consequently I learned to speak Armenian before English. My grandfather grew fruits and vegetables for a living. I was always following grandfather in the rows as he planted the young vegetable plants; often he would allow me to place one in the ground as he smiled. Grandmother loved gardening, and she had many fantastic plants growing in her garden. It was in this setting where I was exposed to gardening and acquired my love for plants. I admired the large flowering hybrid *Hippeastrum* in many colors, the pink *Amaryllis belladonna* (so deliciously fragrant), the wide variety of ornamental trees and shrubs, *Daubentonias tripetti*, and *Althaea* in many different colors including both single and double forms. Roses of every color hue imaginable abounded in grandmother's garden. Morning glories in shades of red, white and blue climbed to the top of our old pump house. There were Japanese flowering Quince which I looked forward to seeing every year in orange-red, white and pink forms. Pomegranates, with their beautiful carnation like, reddish-orange blossoms, were always a nice surprise. Many of these plants are still my favorites today.

As I grew older and began attending grammar school at West Park Elementary School, I read about the "Legendary-Plant-Wizard Luther Burbank." Needless to say, I was inspired by his accomplishments, and I decided that I must follow in his footsteps — I had chosen my path in life.

One day while in grandmother's garden, I pollinated an Amaryllis belladonna with the pollen from a red hybrid *Hippeastrum*. My grandmother saw this and inquired: "What are you doing?" I said: "I'm going to make new flowers and plants like Luther Burbank," and I explained how I had read about him in books at the library.

So began my life's work. I had a dream to one day leave this world a nicer place, because of my having lived. I wanted to walk where no man had walked before. I would hopefully accomplish this feat through the new plants I would create and introduce to the gardening world. This dream was to be my legacy. I graduated from McLane High School in 1962, and

then on June 21, 1963, I married Pamela Paldi, with whom I had attended high school. We had three children, Timothy, Susan and the last was Catherine (who arrived in 1975). In 1963 I took an evening course in horticulture for one year at Fresno City College, where I studied plant identification and landscape design. In 1964 I began attending law enforcement classes at Fresno City College. In 1965, after one full year of classes, I made a decision that law enforcement was not to be my life's profession.

I still maintained my passionate love for plants, and this became very serious about 1965. I began to acquire rare trees, bulbs, shrubs, etc., from around the globe. My hybridizing work continued, and my plant collections soon became massive. By then, I had many new creations from my hybridizing. In 1970, I decided to open Kelly's Plant World to distribute many of my botanical treasures. I began distributing many of my plants to mail order nurseries, botanical gardens, and parks around the world. Many hobbyists and gardening enthusiasts also desired my plants, which they acquired as they were propagated. By 1999, I had introduced almost 150 new plants into horticulture.

It was in 1970 that I first met Dr. Hamilton P. Traub (now deceased), founder of the American Plant Life Society, and antecedent of the International Bulb Society (IBS). In a short time we became close friends. He was the most positive, encouraging person that I had ever met. Through Dr. Traub, I felt I could accomplish anything in life I desired. His encouragement and motivation drove me forward like nothing I had ever known. It was here in the American Plant Life Society (now the International Bulb Society), that I became acquainted with many additional outstanding people who influenced me in many ways, including: William T. Drysdale, Dr. Thad M. Howard, Dr. David J. Lehmler, Dr. Kenneth E. Mann (deceased), and Dr. Alan W. Meerow.

The following three people also influenced me in many ways. They all inspired me to go forth and create. They showed me that there was no obstacle in life that could stop one from accomplishing his dreams. (1) Luther Burbank (deceased), of Santa Rosa, California — his greatest contributions were not all the new plants he created and introduced, but the fact that he inspired many to go forth into the horticultural world and create. (2) William H. Henderson (deceased), apprentice to Luther Burbank, and owner of Henderson's Experimental Gardens, Fresno, California — Bill Henderson was never too busy to answer the continual questions of my inquisitive mind. I rode my bicycle to his gardens 3 to 4 times a week to

look at his plants and to ask questions. (3) Bill Wilson (deceased), propagator for Henderson's Experimental Gardens, also played a great part in my life's development. Bill taught me many new procedures of propagating and grafting, which he had learned from Henderson. He constantly encouraged me to continue my work. I will never forget a day in December when I became ill; upon hearing this, Bill came to my home and spent a day and a half finishing all my grafting projects for me. He was a kind, caring, and generous man.

I will be forever grateful for the sharing of plants, knowledge, friendship, loyalty, and the motivation the members of the American Plant Life Society and the International Bulb Society have instilled in me. Many of you are gone, but your plants and memories will live on within me. Thank you, for being the best part of my life, and for helping me to become the person I am today — and for showing me how to believe in myself. You have had a profound effect on my life.

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PLANT INTRODUCTIONS:

1. *Abutilon* 'Mida's Touch' - Orange flowers, variegated foliage.
2. *Aesculus californica* 'Pink Passion'
3. *Albizia julibrissin* 'Red Waves'
4. *Althaea* Rose of Sharon variegated
5. *xAmarcrinum* 'Ambiance' - White /lavender edge.
6. *xAmarcrinum* 'Born Free' - White, slight hint of pink in cool weather.
7. *xAmarcrinum* 'Elegance' - Ivory white, wide petals, slight suffusion of

- pinkish coloration, and a delightful spicy fragrance.
8. *xAmarcrinum* 'Hamilton P. Traub' (H. P. Traub introduction, named and introduced after his death, by Herbert Kelly Jr.)
 9. *xAmarcrinum* 'Pinkie' - Dark pink.
 10. *xAmarcrinum* 'Scentsational' - Pinkish.
 11. *xAmarcrinum* 'Pink Splendour' - Pinkish.
 12. *xAmarcrinum* 'Sweet Surrender' - Pinkish.
 13. *xAmarcrinum* unnamed
 14. *xAmarcrinum* unnamed
 15. *Amaryllis belladonna* - Pinkish intraspecific hybrids, over 50 different
 16. *Amaryllis belladonna* - White intraspecific hybrids, over 50 different
 17. *Amaryllis belladonna* - Reddish intraspecific hybrids, over 50 different
 18. *Amaryllis belladonna* 'Ambiance' - White/lavender tips on tepal segments, elegant blossoms.
 19. *Aspidistra elatior* 'Kelly's Improved' - Green leaves.
 20. *Aspidistra elatior* variegata 'Kelly's Stripes'
 21. *Bauhinia forficata* 'White Doves'
 22. *Bauhinia purpurea* 'Purple Sensation'
 23. *Bletilla ochracea* 'Lemon Mist'
 24. *Bletilla ochracea* 'Mellow Yellow'
 25. *Bletilla ochracea* 'Yellow Fever'
 26. *Bletilla striata* - Pinkish sport.
 27. *Bletilla striata* 'Pink Sensation'
 28. *Canna* 'Afterglow'
 29. *Canna* 'Carousel'
 30. *Canna* 'Confetti' improved
 31. *Canna* 'Fiesta'
 32. *Canna* 'Glowing Embers' - Purplish leaves and glowing orangish-red blossoms
 33. *Canna* 'Grande' improved
 34. *Canna* 'Intrigue'
 35. *Canna* 'Orange Splash' - Medium size pastel orange flowers.
 36. *Canna* 'Panache'
 37. *Canna* 'Pinkie' - Tiny species type, pinkish flowers.
 38. *Canna* 'Purple Sentinel' - Lance shaped purplish/green foliage, tall.
 39. *Canna* 'Red Baron' - Reddish leaf with highlighted red stripes.
 40. *Canna* 'Red Sentinel' - Cleopatra sport.
 41. *Canna* 'Red Stripes' improved

42. *Canna* 'Red Velvet'
43. *Canna* 'Satans Torch'
44. *Canna* 'Summer Glow'
45. *Canna* 'Tahitian Sunset'
46. *Canna* 'Tiger Moth'
47. *Canna* 'Yellow Glow' (Longwood C. x Ra x C. x Halloween)
48. *Canna* 'Yellow Sensation' - Yellow species type.
49. *Cassia* Species (Possibly *C. tomentosa*) - Selected seedling (Yellow Glow), blooms in Fresno, California in both summer and winter.
50. *Cedrus atlantica glauca pendula* sport - Long bluish green needles.
51. *Cedrus atlantica* sport - Small green needles like *C. brevifolia*.
52. *Chaenomeles japonica* 'Spring Bouquet'
53. *Chilopsis linearis* 'Grande' - Large pinkish flowers.
54. *Chilopsis linearis* 'Purple Splendour' - Rich purple flowers.
55. *Chilopsis linearis* 'Snowflurry' - White flowers.
56. *Chionanthus retusus* 'Snowflurry' - Chinese fringe tree.
57. *Chionanthus virginicus* 'White Clouds' - Fringe tree.
58. *Clivia* 'Afterglow' - Reddish colored flowers.
59. *Clivia* unnamed - Variegated leaves.
60. *Clivia* unnamed - Variegated leaves.
61. *Clivia* 'Midas Touch' - Variegated leaves.
62. *Crinum* 'Kelly's Carousel'
63. *Crinum* 'Mrs. James Henry' on *C. bulbispermum roseum*, seed parent.
64. *Crinum* 'Panache'
65. *Crinum* 'William Henderson'
66. *Crinum* 'Yellow Triumph'
67. *Crinum bulbispermum* album intraspecific cross
68. *Crinum bulbispermum* album intraspecific cross
69. *Crinum bulbispermum* album intraspecific cross
70. *Crinum bulbispermum* album intraspecific cross
71. *Crinum bulbispermum* album intraspecific cross
72. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; *C. Orange River bulbispermum* x *C. bulbispermum roseum* 'Cape Ambiance'
73. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; *C. Orange River bulbispermum* x *C. bulbispermum* 'African Sunrise'
74. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; *C. Orange River bulbispermum* x *C. bulbispermum* 'African Sunset'
75. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; *C. Orange River*

- bulbispermum* x *C. bulbispermum* 'Cape Rage'
76. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; C. Orange River
bulbispermum x *C. bulbispermum* 'Cape Illusion'
77. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; C. Orange River
bulbispermum x *C. bulbispermum* 'Cape Splendour'
78. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; C. Orange River
bulbispermum x *C. bulbispermum* 'Cape Obsession'
79. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; C. Orange River
bulbispermum x *C. bulbispermum* 'Cape Elegance'
80. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; C. Orange River
bulbispermum x *C. bulbispermum* 'Cape Melody'
81. *Crinum bulbispermum* intraspecific cross; C. Orange River
bulbispermum x *C. bulbispermum* 'Cape Ecstasy'
82. *Crinum bulbispermum* Orange River Basin form (UC Berkley Botanical
Gardens, 1949)(seed parent) x *C. flaccidum* yellow (pollen parent)
Multi colored flowers same umbel C. 'Chameleon'.
83. *Crinum bulbispermum* roseum intraspecific cross; *C. bulbispermum*
roseum x *C. bulbispermum* *roseum*; select clones C. 'Cape Mystery'
84. *Crinum bulbispermum* roseum intraspecific cross; *C. bulbispermum*
roseum x *C. bulbispermum* *roseum*; select clones C. 'Cape Rapture'
85. *Crinum flaccidum* yellow x *C. bulbispermum* album - White flowers,
green leaves.
86. *Crinum flaccidum* yellow x *C. bulbispermum* album - White flowers,
glaucous leaves.
87. *Crinum flaccidum* yellow x *C. bulbispermum* Orange River Basin -
White flowers, glaucous leaves.
88. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. americanum*
89. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. amoenum*
90. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. Bradley Giant*'
91. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. bulbispermum* *roseum*
92. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. bulbispermum* *roseum*
93. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. 'Cape Dawn'*'
94. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. flaccidum*
95. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. moorei*
96. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. Mrs. James Henry*'
97. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. Peach Blow*'
98. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. scabrum*
99. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. 'White Queen'* - Large, wide recurving-tepal segments.

100. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C.* 'White Queen' - Small recurving-tepal segments.
101. *Crinum* 'Fresno' x *C. zeylanicum*
102. *Crinum macowanii* intraspecific cross
103. *Crinum* 'White Queen' x *C.* 'Cape Dawn'
104. *Crinum* 'White Queen' x *C. flaccidum* yellow
105. *Crinum* 'White Queen' x *C.* 'Peach Blow'
106. *Crinum* 'White Queen' x *C. powellii* album
107. *Crinum* x *herbertii* 'Royalty'; *C. scabrum* x *C. Orange River*
bulbispermum
108. *Crinum* x *powellii* rubrum; *C. bulbispermum* Orange River Basin form
x *C. moorei* -Narrow petaled form, dark pinkish-rose flowers.
109. *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Kelly's Fastigiata'
110. *Dietes* 'Ambiance' - Lemon drops hybrid, brown/spots white flowers.
111. *Dietes* 'Elegance' - Lemon drops hybrid, yellow/spots purplish center.
112. *Erythrina* bidwilli 'Red Showers'
113. *Erythrina crista-galli* 'Red Clouds' - Deep brick-red flowers almost
thornless.
114. *Eucomis* - Green leaves, purplish edges, mauve flowers.
115. *Eucomis* - Green leaves, purplish edges, white flowers.
116. *Eucomis* - Purplish leaves.
117. *Hesperaloe parviflora* 'Ambiance' - Orangish-pink blend.
118. *Hesperaloe parviflora* 'Mellow Yellow'
119. *Hesperaloe parviflora* 'Pink Passion'
120. *Hesperaloe parviflora* 'Pink Sensation' - Large flower.
121. *Hesperaloe parviflora* 'Yellow Passion'
122. *Hesperaloe parviflora* 'Yellow Splendour'
123. *Hesperaloe parviflora* 'Yellow Fever'
124. *Hibiscus mutabilis* x *althaea* 'Marvelous' - Red/red eye.
125. *Hibiscus mutabilis* x *althaea* 'Enchantment' - White/red eye.
126. *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Grande' - Huge leaves.
127. *Morus alba* 'Shangri La' - Zig Zag branches, ruffled textured leaves,
from *Morusunryu* seedling, nice sport.
128. *Nerium oleander* 'Illusion' - Yellow flowers.
129. *Prunus mume* 'Amour' - Pink rose.
130. *Prunus mume* 'Elegance' - White/yellow.
131. *Prunus mume* 'Obsession' - Shell pink double.
132. *Prunus mume* 'Pink Passion' - Single pink/white center.
133. *Prunus mume* 'Pink Sensation' - Single pink.

134. *Prunus mume* 'Red Splendour' - Red double.
 135. *Prunus mume* 'Sensational' - Pinkish rose.
 136. *Prunus mume* 'Snowflurry' - White double.
 137. *Prunus mume* 'White Clouds' - Pink & white/greenish yellow eye.
 138. *Prunus mume* 'Snowdrift' - White single.
 139. *Punica granatum* 'Ebony' - Black fruit.
 140. *Punica granatum* 'Elf'
 141. *Punica granatum* 'Gnome'
 142. *Punica granatum* 'Mardi Gas' - Large orangish-red blossoms.
 143. *Punica granatum* 'Midget'
 144. *Quercus kelloggii* 'California Sunset' - Stunning red and orange foliage in fall.
 145. *Quercus palustris* 'Festival' - Red, orange, yellow fall color.
 146. *Quercus palustris* 'Halloween' - Deep orange fall color
 147. *Quercus palustris* 'Red Clouds' - Dark red fall color.
 148. *Rhodea japonica* - Miniature.
 149. *Rhodea japonica* - Variegated edge leaf.
 150. *Sequoia sempervirens* 'Kelly's Prostrata' - Green leaves.
 151. *Sesbania tripetii* 'Orange Splendour' - Spectacular pumpkin-orange flower.
 152. *Sesbania tripetii* 'Sensational' - Beautiful deep reddish orange.
 153. *Sprekeastrum* 'Red Bird'
 154. *Ulmus parvifolia* *senpervirens* - Variegated sport.
 155. *Ulmus alata* 'Corky'
 156. *Ulmus* 'Hokkaido' - Congested sport.
 157. *Ulmus* 'Hokkaido' - Large leaved sport.
 158. *Ulmus* 'Hokkaido' - Tiny leaved sport.
 159. *Vitex agnus-castus* chaste tree 'Pink-sensation' - Pink spires.
 160. *Vitex agnus-castus* chaste tree 'Sensational' - Bluish-purple, large, to 24" or more, spires.
 161. *Vitex agnus-castus* chaste tree 'Snowdrift' - White spires.
 162. *Wisteria sinensis* 'Purple Scentsation'
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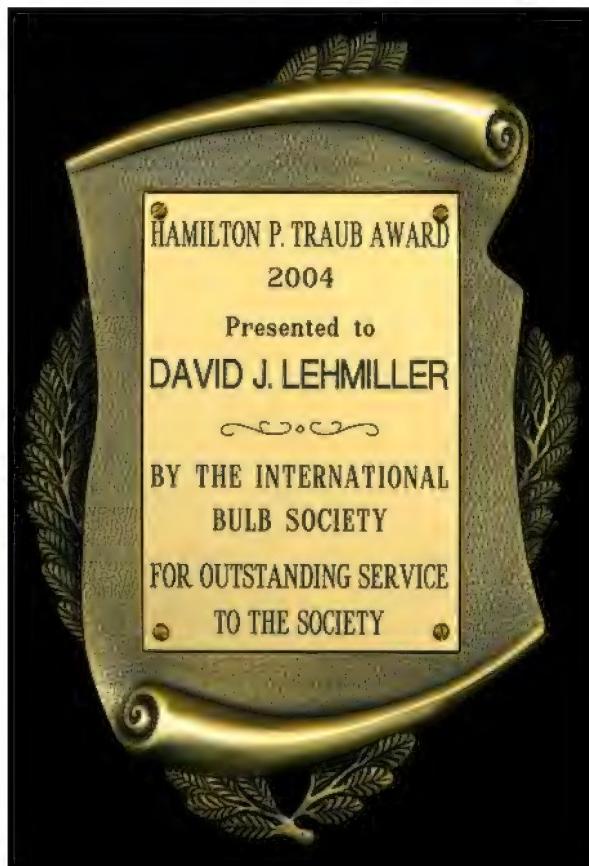
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AMERICAN PLANT LIFE SOCIETY AND IBS SERVICE:

1. 1978-1983. American Plant Life Society, created index of Plant Life and Herbertia for Dr. Hamilton Traub, Editor.
2. 1983-1984. Chairman of *Crinum* Committee, American Plant Life Society.
3. 1991. Acting Awards and Recognition Director, IBS; presented Herbert Medal to Dr. Kenneth Mann.
4. 1999-Present. Director of Awards Committee, IBS; Herbert Medal and Hamilton P. Traub Award.
5. 1999. Member of IBS Conservation Committee under Dr. Jim Shields.
6. 2002. Chairman, IBS Symposium at Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens.
7. 2003-Present. Director of Seed and Bulb Exchange (SX/BX), IBS.

THE HAMILTON P. TRAUB AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

This award was established in 2000 by the IBS Board of Directors to recognize meritorious service to the Society. It is named after Dr. Hamilton P. Traub, founder of the American Plant Life Society, antecedent of IBS, and editor of its journal for a half century.



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- 2001 Mr. Marvin C. Ellenbacker
- 2002 Mr. Michael G. Vassar
- 2003 Dr. Alan W. Meerow
- 2004 Dr. David J. Lehmiller

2005 TRAUB AWARD

DR. CHARLES GORENSTEIN



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AUTOBIOGRAPHY

I am a son of holocaust survivors. Soon after end of the Second World War, my parents left Rumania and moved to France where I was born. My father, who excelled in athletics, became a professional soccer player and played for teams in Marseille and Lyon. After a few years, he was traded to a Colombian team. In Colombia I lived in Manizales and Medellin. It was an idyllic country until the political and drug violence became threatening. We packed our bags and left the tropics to live in Canada. After graduating college in Montreal, I moved to the United States where I received a PhD in Biochemistry. I currently live in southern California where I enjoy my family, gardening and hiking in the desert.

It is not everyday that one runs into a bulb, so my first encounter with one is still a memory I can pleasantly recall. I was a little boy collecting butterflies in an abandoned lot, not too far from my home, when a splash of color next to a pile of bricks from a fallen wall caught my attention. A solitary pretty pink flower

stood out like a gem among the rubble and weeds. I carefully dug it out thinking it would make a perfect gift for my 3rd grade teacher and was delighted when I noticed it was attached to a walnut-sized bulb.

I carefully potted the little flowering bulb and proudly gave it to my teacher. She thanked me and placed the pot at the back of the classroom, next to my desk where, after a few weeks of neglect, it succumbed in the darkness of the classroom. I was eight years old then, and it was the first in a very long list of bulbs that I have managed to kill.

Thirty years later, while landscaping the backyard of my newly built home, I planted some gladiolus corms and tuberous begonias purchased at the local hardware store. The yard needed some color, and bulbs were cheap so I gave them a try. Within a few days the bulbs rotted. Disappointed and to try to understand why the bulbs perished, I purchased a book on bulbs. Well, it was an epiphany. All those pictures of irresistible beautiful flowers - I was smitten. I had to grow them all!

Disappointment soon followed. Few of the bulbs in my book could be obtained at the local nurseries. After much searching, I managed to obtain a few choice morsels such as *Tecophilæa* and *Romulea* from a British mail order nursery, but in general, the choices were meager. I wanted to grow *Brunsvigia*, *Pamianthe*, *Ixia*, *Paramongaia* A trip to the local library finally led me to the American Plant Life Society, which I immediately joined.

An ad in the Society's newsletter asking for a volunteer to run the seed exchange left me apoplectic. Here, I thought, was my chance to be at the epicenter of the bulb world. Here was finally the opportunity to obtain those rare jewels that haunted me from my bulb book. On hearing that my application to become the Director of the Seed Exchange had been accepted, I felt what Willie Horton, the infamous bank robber, would have felt if he had been selected to run the US mint. Bliss!

Soon after becoming Director of the Seed Exchange, I was invited to join the Board of Directors of the IBS. The board meetings at that time were held, *al fresco*, at the UCI Arboretum in Irvine, California, an idyllic setting in which to hold meetings. Dealing with the mechanics of running a plant society was a daunting task, and yet I looked forward to the monthly meetings. The board members were a dedicated and hard working group whose love of bulbous plants was infectious and inspiring.

Running the seed exchange was an exhausting task but not without some benefits, principally access to literally the seeds of thousands of bulb species (For the gory details, visit the IBS web site and read my article on how to run a seed

exchange). I suppose it was madness, but the lure of growing all those species became irresistible. Each year I took a few seeds from the left over accessions and planted them in small pots. Over the years I planted perhaps 4 or 5 thousand accessions. Given the minuscule size of my backyard, I somehow managed to cram thousands of little pots in a space no bigger than a two car garage. To my eyes it was a wonder of the world. My wife would shake her head, tell me the whole thing was madness, and in resignation, I would concur.

In the late nineties, I saw the opportunities which the Internet could provide to the IBS. The IBS Board of Directors agreed that a web site could provide a much needed public exposure and advance the aims of the Society. I tackled the task of web site design with the same zeal I gave the seed exchange. Soon the IBS Web Site had hundreds of bulb images, articles, book reviews, germination protocols and many other useful features. I am happy to note that the IBS Web Page, the little child I spawned, continues to grow and thrive under new stewardship.

As I look back on my tenure as a Board Member of the IBS, I recall with great affection the other board members I had the privilege of serving with and knowing: Charles Hardman, Harold Koopowitz, Elisabeth Lassanyi, Fred Meyers and Michael Vassar. I learned much from them.

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUES

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METHODS OF PROPAGATING *HIPPEASTRUM* EMPLOYED BY HADECO

Hadeco uses four methods of propagation:

METHOD 1. Through natural off-set or daughter bulb formation.

Cultivars produce off-ssets by varying degrees. Some bulbs are prolific, but others produce only a few bulblets, and some none at all. Hadeco re-plants off-ssets, but this is rarely the primary method of multiplication for a cultivar.

METHOD 2. Through basal cutting, as is done with hyacinths.

After bulbs have been lifted at the end of their growing cycle, cuts are made through the basal plate using a knife. The depth of the cuts is about 10 to 12 mm. The cuts are then dusted with a fungicide. Then the bulbs are stored in a warm, dark place with adequate ventilation and a high humidity until the correct planting season commences. This storage method will pose problems for most home gardeners. One way to achieve it is to bury the bulb in a tray of coarse river-sand, then store in a cupboard where the temperature is constantly around 26°C. The sand may be slightly dampened from time to time. Tiny bulblets will form in the cuts. Plant the mother bulbs right-way-up at the start of the correct planting season. The bulblets will sprout, then grow. This method produces 12 to 15 small daughter bulblets from one mother bulb in one season of growth. The strength of the bulblets is ensured with basal cutting, and the conditions required for development are less sterile than other cutting methods. However, Hadeco rarely uses basal cutting, due to the low yield.

METHOD 3. Twin-scaling.

Under this method, Hadeco reliably produces between 40 and 60 bulblets from each bulb cut. This process is cheaper than watering, and requires less sterile conditions. It is nonetheless labour-intensive, and Hadeco employs 80 people under supervision and guidance of two managers for 3 to 4 months each year to operate the program. This method in its original form was

developed by Luyten (1926, 1935). The aim is to produce segments of bulb that consist of two scales joined at the base, with sufficient scale tissue to feed the growing bulblet for 3 months. Bulbs entering the program are cleaned of foliage, outer skin and roots. As much basal tissue as possible must be left in place. The bulbs are then dipped in a cocktail of fungicides. Bulbs are initially cut into quarters, and then those quarters are again split into two or three parts, depending on the size of the bulb. This produces 8 to 12 pieces, from which twin scales can be removed by sliding a scalpel between two scales and through the base. It is essential that the twin-scale possesses basal tissue.

These twin-scales are then dipped in the cocktail of fungicides. They are then stored between two 2 cm layers of medium-sized vermiculite in flat trays. Two litres of water for every 100 litres is added to the mixture. Storage temperature is at 28°C and 80% humidity.

After three weeks, an additional 1 litre of water is added to each tray. Three months later, the bulbs have developed bulblets from between the scales, roots from the base, and some foliage. They are then ready for planting out.

METHOD 4. Meristem watering.

To give an initial boost to bulk up an exciting new hybrid, bulbs are watered under completely sterile conditions. For micropogation , the ideal Hippeastrum bulbs should have the spathe just emerging from the bulb. Hadeco ensure the bulbs used are free of any visible diseases, virus and bacteria. The bulbs are cleaned by removing outside scales and roots. Thereafter each bulb is cut into quarters, and the floral stem is dissected out. The quarters are then cut into narrower wedges making sure that the basal plate remains intact. These wedges as well as the floral stems are then disinfected before being transferred to laminar airflows benches in a clean air environment.

The floral stems, being the spathe with its immature flowers inside and the scape, are then cut into discs of about 1 mm in thickness and individually placed flat onto a starting medium in test tubes. These test tubes are put into growing rooms in continuous darkness and 25°C. Bulblet regeneration takes about 90 days but varies considerably between different hybrids. The bulblets are then sub-cultured onto growing medium. They are later transferred to soil. Alternatively, they can be split longitudinally, leaves and roots removed and the bulblet ex-plant then re-inoculated and placed onto fresh medium to produce new bulblets from the base of the mini- scales. Sub-cul-

turing is in darkness for the first 4-6 weeks and a constant temperature of 25°C., after which they are placed under lights for 18 hours per day. The resulting bulblets are sub-cultured again onto growing medium for either transferal to soil or further sub-culturing. It is theoretically possible to sub-culture bulblets indefinitely, but this is not always practical as abnormalities can be generated in the resulting bulbs. The multiplication rate is also cultivar dependant. It is possible though, in three months, to dissect 100 bulbs into a final yield of 25,000 bulblets ready for the greenhouse.

Meristem culture of *Hippeastrum* at Hadeco is also undertaken to try and produce virus free plants. The meristems are removed from the floral discs at a very early stage, long before bulblets have started to form. The meristems are removed with the help of a dissecting microscope and subcultured. The efficiency of regeneration of bulblets in *Hippeastrum* hybrids is dependant on quite a number of limiting factors such as: cultivar, floral stem length, position of the explant in the stem, thickness and orientation of the explant, light versus darkness, temperature and medium ingredients such as sugar, mineral nutrition, auxins and cytokinins.

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**THE ELUSIVE *HYMENOCALLIS EUCHARIDIFOLIA* BAKER
(AMARYLLIDACEAE)**

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INTRODUCTION

The beautiful *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* Baker (1884) was hidden in a shroud of mystery for almost 150 years following its original discovery circa 1870. When he described this bulb, Baker had no knowledge of the collection locality or even the name of the actual collector. Consequently, *H. eucharidifolia* remained virtually unknown and was rarely seen following Baker's account. Many plant explorers searched in vain for decades for this elusive treasure but to no avail. On rare occasions, a bulb would surface mixed in with other *Hymenocallis*, but always the origin remained unknown. Only one known photograph of this bulb was ever published in all these years.

Hymenocallis eucharidifolia is not like most other *Hymenocallis*. Its light-green, occasionally glaucous or glaucescent, distinctive-rosette foliage is unmistakable in appearance and resembles that of *Eucharis amazonica* Linden ex Planchon (1857), the Amazon Lily, or of *Hosta*. The purpose of this paper is to review the botanical history, taxonomy and horticulture of the elusive *H. eucharidifolia* from its original discovery in circa 1870 to its recent rediscovery. Shown here for the first time in history is a cross section of *H. eucharidifolia* bulbs from the collection locality in Mexico, including some of the phenomenal variations in its blossoms and foliage. Because of the many locations that are discussed throughout this work, a detailed map showing all the states of Mexico is provided as a reference (Fig. 1).

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW, A CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNT

1. J. G. Baker, 1884, in Gardner's Chronicle, N. S. 21:700.

The type specimen (Fig. 2) was dated May 24, 1884. It was prepared by Baker, who stated that neither the donor nor the origin of the bulb was known. The following account was extracted verbatim from Baker:



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| 1. Baja California | 17. Hidalgo |
| 2. Baja California Sur | 18. Colima |
| 3. Sonora | 19. Michoacán |
| 4. Chihuahua | 20. México |
| 5. Coahuila | 21. Distrito Federal |
| 6. Sinaloa | 22. Tlaxcala |
| 7. Durango | 23. Morelos |
| 8. Nueva León | 24. Puebla |
| 9. Zacatecas | 25. Guerrero |
| 10. Tamaulipas | 26. Veracruz |
| 11. Nayarit | 27. Tabasco |
| 12. Aguascalientes | 28. Campeche |
| 13. San Luis Potosí | 29. Yucatán |
| 14. Jalisco | 30. Quintana Roo |
| 15. Guanajuato | 31. Oaxaca |
| 16. Querétaro | 32. Chiapas |

Fig. I. Mexico States Map

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Fig. 2. Type specimen: *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia*. J.G. Baker s.n., May 24, 1884. (Courtesy of K).

HYMENOCALLIS EUCHARIDIFOLIA, n. sp.*

This is a new *Hymenocallis* belonging to the group with a long tube and Eucharis-like leaf, allied to *speciosa* and *guianensis*. It is distinguished from its neighbours by its few-flowered umbels, sessile leaves, and large corona. It has flowered for the first time at Kew this summer. It was received in 1882 from an unknown correspondent without any information as to its native country. All the species of the genus come from Tropical or Subtropical America, whilst *Pancratium*, which differs from *Hymenocallis* in seed only, belongs almost exclusively to the Old World.

Bulb ovoid, with thin brown outer tunics. Leaves four, thin, a bright green, cotemporary with the flowers, oblong, 1 foot long, 3-31/2 inches broad at the middle, with about fifteen distinct veins between the margin and midrib, branching off from the latter as in a Eucharis; blade nearly sessile, with a midrib 1/2 inch broad at the base. Scape apicitous, 1 foot long. Umbel of 4-5 sessile flowers. Spathe-valves withered by the time the flowers are fully expanded. Ovary oblong-trigonous, under 1/2 inch long. Perianth with a slender green tube 4 inches long; segments linear, deeply channeled down the face, 3-31/2 inches long. Corona white, regularly funnel-shaped, 11/4 inch long. 1 inch across at the throat, with two distinct cusps on the edge between each filament, free portion of each filament 1-11/4 inch long; anthers linear, 1/2 inch long. Style green, exserted beyond the anthers. No distinct scent. **J. G. Baker.**

2. Thomas Baines, 1884, Paxton's Flower Garden by Professor Lindley and Sir Joseph Paxton, Revised, 3: 158.

The description for *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* from Gardner's Chronicle was repeated in its entirety in the article. The following additional commentary was extracted verbatim:

HYMENOCALLIS EUCHARIDIFOLIA. Baker. The description given by Mr. Baker conveys an idea that this is a distinct looking species, but not equal in appearance to others of the family, amongst which may be enumerated some of the most beautiful flowering stove bulbs we possess. It will doubtless thrive under like conditions to other allied species, that is, with plenty of heat, light, and moisture during the growing season, with a lower temperature and drier state of the soil when at rest, but never subjected to too low a temperature even in the winter.



Fig. 3. *Choretis glauca*, Plate t. 99, 1838, Knowles and Westcott.

3. J. G. Baker, 1888, Handbook of the Amaryllideae, p. 122.

Baker listed *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* in his famous Handbook, summarizing his original description, and giving Tropical America as its origin without a precise country identified. The following account was extracted verbatim:

4. *H. EUCHARIDIFOLIA* Baker in Gard. Chron. 1884, i. 700. Bulb ovoid, 2-3 in. diam. Leaves 4, oblong, acute, shortly petioled, a foot long, 3-4 in. broad at the middle; midrib distinct; veins lax. Peduncle green, acutely angled, under a foot long. Flowers 4-5 in an umbel, subsessile; outer spathe-valves small, lanceolate. Perianth-tube slender, 4-4½ in. long; segments linear, 3-3½ in. long. Staminal cup narrowly funnel-shaped, 1 ¼ in. long, with 1-2 minute cups between the free tips of the filaments, which are not longer than the cup; anthers linear, ½ in. long. Style overtopping the anthers.

Hab. Tropical America. Described from a plant that flowered at Kew, May 1884. Exact country not known.

4. J. Robert Sealy, 1954, Kew Bulletin, No. 2:214-215.

In his Review of the Genus *Hymenocallis*, Sealy described and discussed *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia*, and he made a lengthy detailed comparison to *Choretis galvestonensis* Herbert. The following was extracted verbatim:

(7) *H. eucharidifolia* Baker in Gard. Chron. N. Ser. 21. 700 (1884); et Handb. Amaryll. 122 (1888).

Leaves 4 and sessile *fide* Baker, broad oblong-elliptic, shortly acuminate, cuneate at base, 26-30 cm. long, 7.5 (*fide* Baker) -9 cm. wide, the single leaf seen has the blade passing into a short 4 cm. long petiole-like base which is perhaps part of the sheath, thin bright green, veins clearly visible and well-separated. Scape about 30 cm. high; flowers 4-5, sessile. Perigone: tube about 10 cm. long; segments 6.5-7.5 cm. (-8.7 cm. *fide* Baker) long. Staminal cup funnel-form, 2.7-2.8-(3) cm. high, about 2.5 cm. wide, margins erect with two minute teeth close together midway between one filament and the next; filaments 2.5-3 cm. long. Ovary with 2 ovules in each cell.



Fig. 4. *Choretis glauca*, Plate t. 32, 1841, Webb.

CULT. In Hort. Bot. Reg. Kew. 24 May 1884.

Described originally from a plant, of unknown origin, which flowered at Kew in May 1884, and known to me from the type-material only, namely a single leaf and a scape with 1 flower and 3 ovaries. Apart from the absence of a petiole, the leaf strongly resembles some leaves of *H. tubiflora*, and, as in that species, the perigone-segments are markedly shorter than the tube. Both tube and segments are shorter than in *H. tubiflora*, as are the filaments, while the staminal cup is larger and leaves and flowers are fewer. *H. eucharidifolia* differs from *H. speciosa* and *H. fragrans* in the leaves being thinner, as well as epiiolate, by the perigone-tube being longer, the segments much shorter and narrower, and the tube longer, not shorter, than the segments. So far as number, size, and shape of the leaves is concerned, and their being sessile, *H. eucharidifolia* is nearest to *H. choretis*, but this, as will be seen from the description below, has a bigger perigone, and the staminal cup more or less rotate instead of funnel-form.

(8) *H. choretis* Hemsley, Biol. Centr.-Amer. Bot. 3, 335 (1884) Syn.
Choretis glauca Herbert, Amaryll. 200, t. 35, fig 1, t. 41, fig. 32, 33, t. 44, fig. 45 (1887); Kunth, Enum. Pl. 5, 681 (1850).

Hymenocallis glauca (Herb.) Baker ex Benth. & Hook. f., Gen. Pl. 3, 734 (1883) non *H. glauca* (Zucc.) Roem.

Leaves 3 or 4, erect, epiiolate, broad elliptic or elliptic-lorate, obtuse, 30-45 cm. long, 6.2-(7.2-8) cm. wide, glaucous (or glaucescent). Scape (30)-35 cm. high; Spathes erect, narrow (scarcely 4)-5 cm. long; flowers (2)-3 or 4. sessile. Perigone: tube (14)-15 cm. long or more; segments (7-7.5)-9 cm. long, 6-7 mm. wide (outer 7 mm., inner 11 mm. wide). Staminal cup rotate from a short tubulose base, (2.7)-3 cm. long; filaments 2.5-2.8 (3.3-3.5) cm. long. Ovary with 2, sometimes 3, ovules in each cell.

MEXICO: Acaponeta, Tepic Terr., Rose 1502 [?]; Campo Morado, Langlasser 1060 [?].

CULT.: in Hort. Paris. 9 June 1860 (ex herb. J. Gay).

No material has been seen that agrees exactly with Herbert's description and figures, but the specimen from J. Gay's herbarium, cited above, is not very different, and may well represent Herbert's species. This specimen comprises a leaf and a flower from a plant of unknown origin which flowered in the Jardin des Plantes, Paris, in June 1860, and there is a long and detailed description of it in volume 28 of J. Gay's MSS. at Kew. The description above is based primarily on Herbert's account, the dimensions (etc.) in brackets being added from Gay's specimen where it does not conform with Herbert's account. Herbert's plant apparently originated from Mexico; the two Mexican specimen enumerated above agree in leaf, but unfortunately the flowers are too poor to allow certain identification. Herbert regarded this species and *H. galvestonensis* as constituting a distinct genus, which he named *Choretis*, and which he distinguished from *Hymenocallis* by the larger connective, the seeds intermediate between those of that genus and *Ismene*, and by the scape being round instead of ancipitous. The characters, even if constant, are scarcely of generic value and *Choretis* has long been reduced to *Hymenocallis*.

The figure in Knowles & Westcott, *Floral Cabinet*, 2, 101, t. 71 (1838), which purports to be Herbert's *Choretis glauca* (Fig. 3), differs greatly by its shorter, broader, clearly petiolate leaves and shorter perigone-tube. Much of the text is taken from Herbert's account and the authors noted that their plant differed "in some respects from Mr. Herbert's description...." The explanation of the discrepancies eludes me. Incidentally the plate of *Choretis glauca* in Mrs. Loudon's *Ladies Flower Garden of Ornamental Bulbous Plants*, t. 32 (1841), is an adaptation of Knowles & Westcott's-without acknowledgement (Fig. 4)

Baker, *Handbook of the Amaryllideae*, 123 (1888) referred *H. choretis* to *H. glauca* (Zucc.) Roemer, *Syn. Monogr.* 4. 173 (1847), a species originally described by Zuccarini (in *Abh. Akad. Muench.* 2, 317 : 1837) as *Pancratium glaucum*. It agrees fairly well with Herbert's species in vegetative characters, but differs sharply by its much smaller flowers-the perigone-tube only 5 cm. long with the segments subequal to it-though the staminal cup is described as rotate, which conforms with Herbert's plant. It is possible that *H. glauca* (Zucc.) Roem. May be an unusually small-flowered example of *H. choretis*, but further information is needed before the point can be decided.

5. H. P. Traub, 1962, Plant Life 18: 55-72.

Hymenocallis eucharidifolia was mentioned in Traub's Key to the Subgenera, Alliances and Species of *Hymenocallis*.

6. H. P. Traub, 1963, The Genera of Amaryllidaceae, p. 76.

Hymenocallis eucharidifolia was mentioned.

7. W. S. Flory, 1976, Nucleus 19(3): 204-227.

Flory, in his manuscript on chromosome numbers in *Hymenocallis* species, reported that *H. eucharidifolia* had $2n = 44$ chromosomes. The source of his specimen for this determination came from a collection in 1954 at Jacala, Hidalgo, Mexico. He prepared a herbarium specimen of this bulb, W. Flory 140A-B (Fig. 5 and 6), and deposited it at the Wake Forest University Herbarium (WFU).



Fig. 5 (left) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia*. Mexico. Jacala, Hidalgo, W. Flory 140A, 1954. (Courtesy of Wake Forest University Herbarium). **Fig. 6. (Right)** *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia*. Mexico. Jacala, Hidalgo, W. Flory, 140B, 1954. (Courtesy of Wake Forest University Herbarium).

8. T. Howard, 1978, Plant Life 34: 60-68.

Howard, in writing about Mexican *Hymenocallis*, provided the following verbatim account of his reputed experience with *H. eucharidifolia*:

H. eucharidifolia is endemic to a small area below Chilpancingo, in the state of Guerrero, near the village of Acahuizotla. Compared to other members of the Mexicana alliance, it has to be considered one of the early season bloomers, and if one wishes to collect it in flower, one must go there no later than mid-June. It is the only member of this alliance having broad, thin, Eucharis-like foliage with bright green leaves. The flowers are sweetly scented, unlike *H. choretis*, which is also found there and flowers a month later. There may be 1 to 6 flowers in the umbel. The ovary is sessile, which easily distinguishes it from *H. woelfleana*. The seeds are 1.4 cm long, sharply angled on 2 or more flat planes, rough textured, and are pale dull green. The straight tepal-tubes can be variable in length, ranging from 7 to 13 cm long in individuals. The tepalsegs are shorter than the tube. Pollen is orange.

H. eucharidifolia is quite rare within its limited range, and this partly accounts for its being lost to cultivation for nearly a century. Acahuizotla formerly was just on the old road to Acapulco, but years ago a new road was built that completely bypassed the village. Now one must enter a trail through a gate, in order to get to it. It is easily missed.

(Author's note: In a personal communication, Howard stated that he had since realized the above commentary did not relate to *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia*. "I made the identification with the information I had at the time. The information in my article is erroneous." Again, as many times in past history, the origin of the elusive *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* remained unknown.)

9. W. S. Flory, 1978, Plant Life 34: 47-59.

In this excellent article on the distribution of *Hymenocallis*, Flory briefly mentioned *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* as having 44 chromosomes and occurring in the Mexican states of Hidalgo, Nayarit, and Sinaloa (without any specific sites or specimens mentioned).

10. J. A. Bauml, 1979, Masters Thesis, Cornell University.

In his graduate thesis on Mexican *Hymenocallis*, Bauml discussed *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia*. The following accounts were extracted verbatim from various sections of Bauml's thesis where *H. eucharidifolia* was mentioned:

Twenty-two species are treated here. This number includes five of the seven names originally placed by Traub(1962) in the Mexican Alliance: *H. eucharidifolia* Bak. is considered an imperfectly known species, ...

I have grown three different collections of *H. harrisiae* in Ithaca, New York. Two of these collections bloomed in Ithaca; the third has bloomed on several occasions in the garden of T. M. Howard. Howard (1978) has interpreted one of these collections, Bauml, Howard, & Lowe 72-159 as *H. eucharidifolia*. I have found this interpretation to be erroneous based on a comparison of flowering plants of this collection with a photograph of the type specimen of *H. eucharidifolia*. A plant of Bauml & Rawlins 104 from the same area in Guerrero flowered in 1978 and was remarkably similar to 72-159 and equally distinct from *H. eucharidifolia*.

IMPERFECTLY KNOWN SPECIES

Six species of *Hymenocallis* are included in this chapter, either because they are insufficiently known for publication or, in the case of *H. eucharidifolia*, because the nativity of the plant is unknown. The five numbered species must be re-collected and described from living material; additional botanical exploration may eventually reveal the homeland of *H. eucharidifolia*.

Dried leaves of *H. cordifolia* and H. sp. #1, both from the state of Guerrero, exhibit the venation pattern of a *Eucharis* leaf. This pattern is characterized by numerous parallel arching veins connected by a network of fine secondary veins. Leaves of *H. eucharidifolia* (see last chapter) also show this venation pattern, suggesting the possibility of rediscovering this species in Mexico.

Hymenocallis eucharidifolia Bak., Gard. Chron. 21:700. 1884; Bak., Handb. Amaryll. 122. 1888; Sealy, Kew Bull. 2:214. 1954; Traub, Pl. Life 18:67. 1962.

Holotype: Hort. Bot. Reg. Kew s.n. (K)

Perennial, deciduous (?), bulbous herbs. Bulbs ovoid, with thin, brown,

outer tunics 5-7.5 cm broad. Leaves 4, nearly sessile, thin, bright green, contemporary with the flowers, oblong to broad oblong elliptic, acute to shortly acuminate, cuneate at the base, with about 15 distinct veins between the margin and the midrib, branching off the latter as in a *Eucharis*, 26-30 cm long, 7.5-10 cm broad. Scape acutely angled ca. 30 cm high. Outer floral bracts withered at anthesis. Flowers 3-5, sessile to subsessile, without a distinct scent; tepal tube slender, green, 10-11.3 cm long; tepals deeply channeled dorsally, 6.5 (fide Sealy) -8.8 cm long; staminal cup white, funneliform, 2.5 cm broad at the apex, 2.7 (fide Sealy) -3.1 cm high; with 1-2 distinct teeth on the margin between each filament; filaments 2.5-3.1 cm long; anthers 1.3 cm long; style green, exserted beyond the anthers; ovules 2 per locule.

Chromosome number: $2n=44$ (Flory, 1976) [identification questioned].

Phenology: flowering in late May in cultivation.

Distribution: known only from the type specimen flowered in cultivation from material sent to Kew from an unknown correspondent with no information regarding nativity, but suspected of being native to Mexico.

Specimens examined: CULTIVATED: Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey, England, 24 May 1884, collector unknown (K-photo BH!).

(Author's note: In summary, Bauml found problems with the specimens identified as *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* by both Howard and Flory, and he concluded that this species was only known from the original type material of Baker.)

11. S. Ogden, 1994, Garden Bulbs for the South, p. 159.

A bulb of *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* was discovered by Ogden in 1988, when he was employed as a nursery sales representative in the Lower Rio Grand Valley, Texas. An importer was selling a potted bulb labeled as Peruvian Daffodil, but Ogden correctly recognized its identity (Fig. 7). In a personal conversation, Ogden remarked: "As a garden plant, *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* is one of the most beautiful of *Hymenocallis*." From Ogden's book, his discussion of *H. eucharidifolia* was extracted verbatim:

The fabulous *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* is a rare, shade-loving species with rosettes of unusually broad, green, Hosta-like foliage. Although unknown to cultivation since its description in 1884, this remarkable bulb has been recently imported into the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The

slender flowers, held upright in groups of two or three, look very small set against the large leaves. The vigorous bulbs thrive in rich leafy soil and seem as hardy as other Mexican Species. They offset at a steady pace, so they may one day become more common in Gardens.

(Author's note: Again, as in the past, the origin of the elusive *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* remained unknown.)

12. A. W. Meerow et al, 2002, Ann. Missouri Bot. Gard. 89: 400-413.

In their DNA study of the Tribe Hymenocallideae, Meerow et al included *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* in their analysis. In a personal communication,

Meerow related that the specimen of *H. eucharidifolia* was provided by a European botanical garden and was identified as such by the garden.



Fig. 7. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia*. (Courtesy of Scott Ogden).

13. Additional notes.

There have been other unpublished accounts and/or rumors of collectors finding *H. eucharidifolia*; however, most turned out to be misidentifications based upon wishful thinking; i.e., until its reappearance in circa 1994 and in 2001. After Dr. Hamilton Traub's passing, the author inherited all of Dr. Traub's files. An examination of these files revealed that Dr. Traub had been contacted by

individuals who presumed that they had found the elusive *H. eucharidifolia*; however, Dr. Traub determined that not a single one of these presumptive identifications was correct – and as always, the origin of the elusive *H. eucharidifolia* remained unknown.

DISCOVERY AND HORTICULTURE

In 2001, I received *Hymenocallis* bulbs to identify from a plant explorer-collector friend (who wishes to remain anonymous). The collector related that the bulbs originated from a low elevation, high rainfall area in the state of Oaxaca, where they grew as an under-story in the jungle. Part of the collection site was being destroyed by residential construction and cultivation, and the collector requested that the specific locality remain anonymous to help protect it from further degradation and exploitation.

Bulbs were planted in rich, river-bottom, sandy-loam soil. Pots were positioned to receive morning sun and afternoon shade; the pots were watered daily during the growing season and kept dry over winter. Bulbs re-established slowly, placing roots to one foot or more in depth, often with no top growth at all for as long as a year or more.

What a surprise when I saw the first leaves. I said to myself, these are not the leaves of *Hymenocallis*; they are similar to the leaves of *Eucharis amazonica*, the Amazon Lily. A scape eventually appeared and grew to about 12 inches in height, and when it began to unfold its blossoms, I could not believe what my eyes beheld. It was the blossom of a *Hymenocallis*! Oh my, it couldn't be, or could it ... the long lost and elusive *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* had finally surfaced. I immediately ran to the telephone to report the astonishing news to my friend. I said to him: "Do you know what you have discovered?" He replied: "No, what?" I said: "The very rare and sought after



Fig. 8. Various sizes of *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* bulbs.

Hymenocallis eucharidifolia. The whereabouts of this beautiful *Hymenocallis* has been unknown for approximately 150 years. It is one of the rarest and most sought after *Hymenocallis* in existence." He was elated to say the least. There was no question in my mind: its flowers and leaves keyed out to be the elusive *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* - finally, after all of these years.

Flowers were long lasting, up to five days in hot sunny conditions, with neither flowers nor leaves showing damage when prevailing temperatures reached as high as 114F. The largest bulbs from Mexico measured 12.70-15.24 cm in diameter, and in general, the larger the bulb, the higher the flower count per umbel. I have counted up to 15 flowers on an umbel from one of the largest bulbs. I recorded the following measurements on several exquisite blooming bulbs below:

(Figure 37):

Scape - 66.04 cm tall
Staminal Cup - 6.35 cm diameter
Floral Segment - 10.16 cm long by 1.27 cm wide
Perianth Tube - 17.78 cm long
Filaments - 3.5 cm long

(Figure 20):

Bulb - 12.7 cm diameter
Number of Leaves - 13
Maximum Leaf Width - 13.97 cm
Plant Height - 71.12 cm

Many investigators have implied that the type described is typical of all bulbs of that species. The bulbs of *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* exhibited in the following images depict a cross section of the colony found in Mexico, and there are many variations to be seen in the foliage and flowering umbels. The images are grouped together to illustrate these variations as well as general features: bulbs (Fig. 8), leaf variations (Fig. 9-22), fruit and seed (Fig. 23-25), flowers, buds, and segments (Fig. 26-38).



Fig. 9. (Right) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 10. (Below) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.

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Fig. 11. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 12. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 13. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.





Fig. 14. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 15. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.

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Fig. 16. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 17. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 18. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 19. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 20. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.

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Fig. 21. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 21. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* leaf variation.



Fig. 23. (Above) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* fruit.



Fig. 24. (Right) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* fruit nearing maturity.



Fig. 25. (Above)

Hymenocallis eucharidifolia fruit with exposed seeds.

Fig. 26. (Left) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* flower buds (12).





Fig. 27. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, recurring tepal segments.



Fig. 28. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, upward tepal segments.

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Fig. 29. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, upward tepal segments.



Fig. 30. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, large spreading tepal segments.



Fig. 31. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, narrow spreading tepal segments.



Fig. 32. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, wide tepal segments.



Fig. 33. (Above)

Hymenocallis eucharidifolia blossoms, large flat tepal segments.

Fig. 34. (Left) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, large wide-recurving tepal segments.





Fig. 35. (Right)
Hymenocallis eucharidifolia
blossoms, tight upright
umbel (9 blossoms).

Fig. 36. (Below)
Hymenocallis eucharidifolia
blossoms, wide tepal
segments.



THE ELUSIVE *HYMENOCALLIS EUCHARIDIFOLIA* BAKER (AMARYLLIDACEAE)



Fig. 37. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, exquisite wide tepal segments. see description.



Fig. 38. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms, tepal segments pointing upward.



Fig. 39. (Top) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* buds and leaves. (Courtesy of Victor Lambou).

Fig. 40. (Bottom) *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* blossoms. (Courtesy of Victor Lambou).

Several bulbs of *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* were dispatched in 2003 to Victor Lambou of Crawfordville, Florida, who has provided the following commentary and detailed measurements:

The *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* bulb, which I obtained in 2003, has bloomed the night of June 25, 2005, for the first time. I am most impressed with the plant and bloom (Fig. 39-40). Details on the bloom are:

Number of buds per scape: 5

Perianth tube:

16.3 cm long

0.5 cm wide at mid length

green

Cup:

5.2 cm wide

funnel form shape

prominent projection between filaments

base not adnate to rays

Segments:

10.9 cm long

1.4 cm max width

spreading near horizontally with outer part of the rays recurved

white top and under side

small yellowish-green eye

Free filaments:

3.4 cm long

nearly erect

Anthers: 1.9 cm long

Pollen: golden

Style: upper portions green fading to white in lower portion

Ovary: 1.2 cm x 1.9 cm

Ovules per locule: 4, 4, & 4

Scape:

33.02 cm long

two edged

glaucous

2 scape bracts:

the largest 8.9 cm long with base width of 1.3 cm

triangulate in shape with a long-acuminate apex

Bulb: 8.2 cm in diameter

The plant has 7 beautiful bright shiny leaves, in a rosette, the largest 48.26 cm long, and 15.24 cm wide. If I saw this plant and did not know its

source, (and I had not seen its bloom), I would have guessed it to be a *Hosta* of some kind. Even without the bloom, it is a most attractive plant. I have it in a 30.48 cm wide, 25.4 cm deep nursery pot. This winter I plan to move it to a larger pot. The second *H. eucharidifolia* I obtained in 2003 has a scape that is starting to elongate. Neither bulb has offset. Obviously, I have destroyed the bloom taking measurements; however, I saved the pollen and placed some on emasculated *H. rotata* and *H. harrisiana* blooms.

HYBRIDIZATION

Hymenocallis eucharidifolia grew remarkably well in Sanger, California since 2001 when I received the first unknown bulbs and was asked to identify them. In the interim, I attempted many hybrid crosses with *H. eucharidifolia* (and results will be forthcoming in years to come). My cross of *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* (pollen parent) x *Hymenocallis galvestonensis* (seed parent) produced 9 seedlings showing hybrid vigor and unusual growth in both foliage and bulbs. In 10 months, the leaves had become 12.70 cm long and 1.91 cm wide. At 1 1/2-years, I removed seedlings to repot them into a larger container, and there I found 5 bulbs with a round shape measuring up to 3.18 cm in diameter. Another group of 4 smaller bulbs were leek shaped and measured up to 1.91 cm in diameter and almost 7.62 cm in height. Hopefully, these hybrid bulbs will bloom soon and exhibit exceptional features (Fig. 41).

AQUATIC CULTURE

I decided to perform an experiment with one of the bulbs that I had obtained. I placed it in a cup of nothing but water. I wanted to determine how much moisture this species could endure. It was slow to begin growth, similar to the remaining bulbs I had received and had planted in pots. At 8 months, the first leaves began to emerge. Since then, I have continuously grown this bulb in a glass bowl for almost 5 years. Recent measurements of this bulb included: bulb 5.7 cm in diameter, 6 leaves to 30.5 cm long by 7.6 cm wide, and a scape 30.5 cm long. No nutrients were added. I continually refilled the water level to just above the basal plate, and I changed out the water about every two weeks throughout the year. The bulb would go into dormancy every winter, break dormancy in the spring, and then it would produce two scapes with 4 or 5 blossoms every year. It would set seed (I hand pollinated the blossoms) which I distributed to the IBS Seed and Bulb Exchange each year. The bulb was maintained in the living room of my

home, and when I worked in my office, I would often bring it with me as a companion while I worked — what a pleasant aroma while working. This year, for the first time, I decided to give it some fertilizer. I used Schultz liquid plant food 10-15-10 plus micronutrients, 6 to 7 droppers full to the quart of water. The bulb exploded with luxurious leaf growth. This species has shown without doubt, that it can withstand extended periods in a wet environment (Fig. 42.).

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Fig. 42. *Hymenocallis eucharidifolia* growing aquatically (in a glass of water) for almost five years.

CYRTANTHUS STENANTHUS IN MPUMALANGA, SOUTH AFRICA

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Cyrtanthus stenanthus is one of several bulbs that have been negatively affected by the degradation of grasslands in eastern South Africa. Habitat degradation has been brought about by agriculture, overgrazing, and the increase in rural and peri-urban human populations. These bulbs have also been adversely affected by the invasion of alien plants often associated with grasslands in poor condition.

Cyrtanthus stenanthus populations were studied at three localities: the Thaba Sekhukhune in Sekhukhuneland, the grassland near Leandra on the Eastern Highveld, and the rocky outcrops above the escarpment in the Wakkerstroom District near Dirkiesdorp.

The two varieties of *C. stenanthus*, namely *C. stenanthus* var. *stenanthus* and *C. stenanthus* var. *major*, were not separated for the purposes of this study. There was little if any difference between the two varieties in terms of their autecology. It was interesting to notice, however, that the bulbs known as *C. stenanthus* var. *major* were well represented along the least populated parts of the Thaba Sekhukhune escarpment, but they were not found in equivalent habitat in the central and southern summit areas of the adjacent Leolo Mountains.

The only two distinguishing features between the varieties of *C. stenanthus*, namely length of perianth segments and flower colours, were not found to be consistent when the data for this study was collected. Also no other distinguishing factors were found in the autecology of the two plants to justify varietal separation.

CYRTANTHUS STENANTHUS POPULATIONS ALONG THE THABA SEKHUKHUNE ESCARPMENT

Much of the Thaba Sekhukhune escarpment lay at an altitude of 1500–1600 metres. The area to the west was densely settled with rural villages. A few villages were also situated along the escarpment in the extreme north, but there were far fewer villages in the southeast.

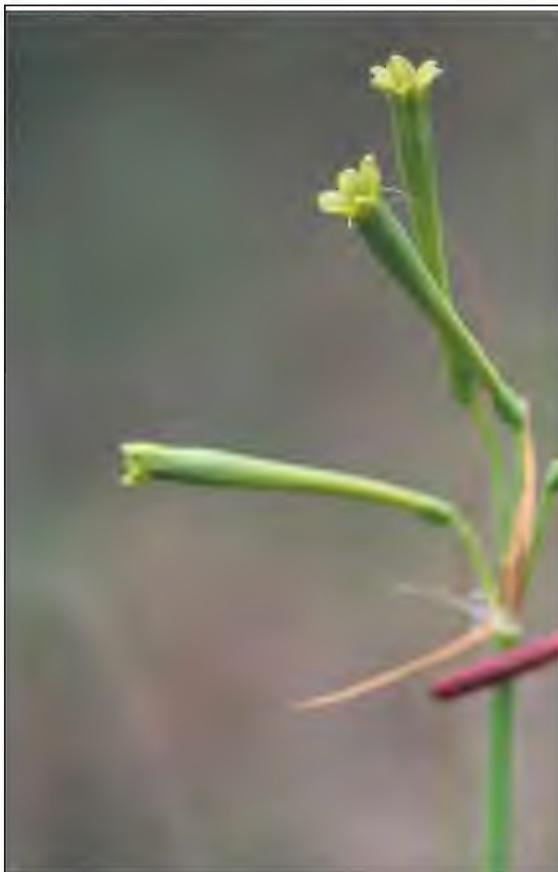


Fig. 1. The creamy yellow and pinkish red-brown forms of *Cyrtanthus stenanthus* flowering in grassland of a railway-line reserve near Leandra, south-western Mpumalanga. Photograph taken in late November 2005.

The western slopes of the escarpment consisted either of cultivated fields surrounding the villages or short grassland which was usually overgrazed. *Cyrtanthus stenanthus* bulbs were only found in hilly grassland close to the summit of the escarpment, areas subjected to a negligible amount of grazing. The bulbs grew at the edges of grassy swards, around seepage areas, and amongst grass tufts at the sides of boulders. The species was encountered less frequently amongst short grass growing on rocky outcrops situated on the mountain summit.

The strip of habitat occupied by the bulbs was narrow, varying in width from about 300-500 metres. All of the slopes in this short strip of habitat faced to the east, southeast, or south, thereby losing the sun in many cases in the early afternoon. This habitat contrasted markedly with overgrazed, degraded country on the western slopes exposed to the desiccating rays of the afternoon sun.

The peak of the flowering season was the last two weeks of November following the first of the summer rains. Bulbs flowered in both burnt and unburnt areas with a tendency towards the best flowering after winter grass fires. As this species had relatively long stems, it was able to elevate its flowers above the thickest grass cover. The bulbs were most common in the moist parts of the habitat near seepage areas and least common in areas that dried out quickly after rainfall. The soil consisted of peaty loam which was rich in grass derived compost near the seepage areas.

There were signs of the initial stages of habitat degradation, namely overgrazing and siltation of the upper reaches of seasonal streams and seepage areas. It was concluded that this species will begin to disappear from the Thaba Sekhukhune during the coming decades, as there will be increasing numbers of people, expanding villages, and larger numbers of livestock.

CYRTHTHUS STENANTHUS NEAR LEANDRA

The grasslands west of Leandra lay in the extreme south-western corner of Mpumalanga, virtually on the border of the heavily industrialised province of Gauteng. *Cyrtanthus stenanthus* used to be widely distributed here, but it had become extinct in most places as a result of agriculture, habitat degradation, coal mining, and the expansion of informal settlements. The only viable population that was found during the course of the study was located in a grassy railway-line reserve. This reserve consisted of short grassland typical of the region before the advent of agriculture, mining, and informal settlements.



Fig. 2. The pinkish red-brown form of *Cyrtanthus stenanthus*. Photograph taken in late November 2005 in grass-land of a railway-line reserve near Leandra, south-western Mpumalanga.



Fig. 3. The grassland railway-line habitat frequented by *Cyrtanthus stenanthus* near Leandra, south-western Mpumalanga.

The habitat lay at an altitude of about 1600 metres. It was subjected to severe frost in the winter from late May until early August, a time when the bulbs were dormant. The soil consisted of heavy black clay with a dense covering of short grass. This type of habitat was easily degraded by livestock such as cattle and sheep. Many similar areas had been transformed by the invasive exotic-kikuyu grass, *Pennisetum clandestinum*.

Cyrtanthus stenanthus bulbs were scattered in the grassland, either growing singly or in small groups. The bulbs thrived in this habitat, and there were seedlings and young bulblets of different ages around the adult bulbs. Winter grass fires were rather erratic, and a few years often passed without a fire. Recruitment of new bulbs to the populations usually occurred in the summers following a winter grass fire. The grass cover at the latter times was sufficient to shade seedlings, but it was free of accumulations of dead plant material which minimized the chances for seeds to germinate. Where the grass was sparse, seeds could germinate without winter grass fires first clearing the veld of dead material.

The peak of the flowering season was the second half of November, with seeds ripening from early January. Seeds were either distributed by wind or fell around the parent bulbs.

The surrounding farmland had been heavily grazed by cattle until recently when chicken farming became established. Suitable areas of the adjacent habitat were searched for *C. stenanthus* during the second half of November 2005, but no bulbs were found. Most of the grassland was degraded and only plants compatible with over-grazed veld were found such as *Ledebouria* and *Crinum bulbispermum*.

It will be interesting to see in coming decades if seeds from *C. stenanthus* bulbs in the railway-line reserve are able to spread into the adjacent grassland. However, the future of the railway-line reserve bulbs is not necessarily secure. Cattle are pastured in this reserve when grazing becomes scarce on a nearby farm. The grazing is periodic and not very heavy, but there are already signs that species such as various *Albuca* and *Ledebouria* are becoming more common. These latter bulbs often increase when grassland in the district is well grazed.

CYRTANTHUS STENANTHUS ON THE ESCARPMENT SOUTHEAST OF WAKKERSTROOM IN THE DIRKIESDORP DISTRICT

Most of the grassland in this area was located at altitudes greater than 1800 metres. This was a sheep and cattle farming area. Many of the common

bulbous and cormous plants were those that had adapted to or benefited from grazing by cattle and sheep.

Cyrtanthus stenanthus was irregular and sparse in occurrence on this escarpment. It was found either on rocky outcrops amongst short tufts of grass or sheltered in clumps of grass growing between boulders, niches where the bulbs escaped trampling by livestock. It cohabited with a rich bulbous and caudiciform flora including *Brachystelma remotum* and *Rhodohypoxis baurii*. No bulbs of *C. stenanthus* were sighted during extensive searches near seepage areas and in moist short grassland near the rocky outcrops.

THE FUTURE OF CYRTANTHUS STENANTHUS IN MPUMALANGA

Cyrtanthus stenanthus is likely to become locally extinct in many parts of Mpumalanga during the coming decades of this century. Its long term survival in many areas seems improbable in the face of increasing urban sprawl, over-grazing, and habitat degradation and destruction. These human induced changes to the environment are also adversely affecting many other bulbous grassland plants in Mpumalanga.

CYRTANTHUS ERUBESCENS, A BEAUTIFUL PLANTBULB ENDEMIC TO THE NORTH - CENTRAL DRAKENSBERG, SOUTH AFRICA

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INTRODUCTION

Cyrtanthus erubescens was described by Killich (1960). It was also featured in Flowering Plants of Africa (Killich, 1965-1966). As virtually nothing was published about the autecology of this bulb and its habitat, it was decided that a study should be conducted on the bulbs in their natural surroundings.

This species is restricted mainly to remote and seasonally moist ravines and gorges of the north-central Drakensberg. The latter area is isolated and inaccessible. Occasional small populations of *C. erubescens* grow along streams in hilly areas immediately below the gorges of the main Drakensberg escarpment, and these are the bulbs studied in this account.

THE STUDY AREA

Bulbs were studied in three areas at the time when they bore well-formed seeds, in mid autumn shortly before dormancy. The study localities were fully representative of most indigenous habitats occupied by this species. Small populations of bulbs were observed on ledges under overhanging rocks on very steep hill slopes. Bulbs occurred in small groups consisting of 3-6 mature bulbs and a few bulblets. Bulbs were more plentiful beside streams at the bottom of the slopes growing wedged in amongst moss-covered dolerite boulders. Occasional bulbs were encountered on rocky stream banks growing in thick peaty soil amongst low scrub.

The largest number of *C. erubescens* bulbs was found growing in a steep gorge dropping off from the main Drakensberg escarpment. This gorge was characterised by almost vertical slopes and small cliffs, and it had numerous streams entering it from the side. Bulbs were most abundant on ledges of cliffs, growing in deep soil and swards of moss. Bulbs were only encountered in south and southeast-facing locations and were absent from the drier north facing slopes of the gorge. A few bulbs were found amongst large boulders beside the stream in the bottom of the gorge. This latter



Fig. 1. (Top) A specimen of the pink flowered *Cyrtanthus erubescens* in full flower.

Fig. 2. (Bottom) Details of *Cyrtanthus erubescens* flowers.

habitat was frequently subjected to strong flooding throughout the rainy months from October to early April.

The floor of the gorge beside the stream contained patches of level habitat where seeds could lodge and germinate. Groups of young bulbs were often noted in this area, but they usually did not persist as the majority were swept away when the stream regularly burst its banks during the summer rains.

Groups of bulbs were stable on the cliffs and steep slopes, usually consisting of 6-20 large mature bulbs and a variable number of seedlings from 2-15 in number. However, few seed obtained the opportunity to germinate, since once distributed they became buried amongst thick scrubby vegetation or within clumps of moss. Recruitment of new bulbs to the population was a very slow process, entirely as a result of the limited number of niches in the habitat where seeds could germinate.

Cyrtanthus erubescens was absent from a great deal of suitable habitat, and its distribution across the gorges of the north central Drakensberg was by no means uniform.

THE GROWTH CYCLE

Cyrtanthus erubescens is an early flowering species. The peak of the flowering season is usually the first three weeks of October. Flowering may begin with the commencement of the main summer rains, but sometimes sufficient rainfall does not commence until the end of October or in early November. Large bulbs have sufficient reserves to flower in the absence of rainfall. In addition, shaded sides of the ravine are water retentive and remain moist for much of the winter as a result of winter mists and melted snow.

Flowering bulbs are widely scattered across the gorge, and only a few mature bulbs within large clumps flower in a given season. This apparently encourages cross pollination, which appears to be strongly emphasised in *C. erubescens*. (Bulbs in cultivation have been found to be sterile when self pollinated).

Cyrtanthus erubescens has extremely long flowering stems, frequently up to 60 cm from the neck of the bulb. This allows flowers to be pollinated with ease as they are elevated well above the dense growth of surrounding plants. It also permits seeds to be as widely distributed as possible by gusts



Fig. 3. A pink flowered *Cyrtanthus erubescens* photographed from the side.

of wind which are frequent at seeding time. Seeds ripen in late November and December some 6-8 weeks after the flowers have been pollinated. The most favourable conditions for the distribution of seeds are hot dry days with gusts of wind. Late November and the first half of December are often periods of prolonged rainy and misty weather in the Drakensberg. Under these conditions the ripening of seeds is delayed, during which time they may be subjected to fungal attack. In addition to the limited niches available to new bulbs, this erratic seeding pattern, owing to inclement weather, also limits the number of seed liberated into the environment.

Bulbs enter dormancy in late April and the first two weeks of May. The leaves wither completely in a very short period of about 10 days. At this stage the mass of long roots retract, drawing the neck of the bulb deep into the soil. Bulbs are well insulated under moss and in peaty soil before the arrival of the first snowfall, which can be expected in late May and June.

VARIATION IN FLOWER COLOUR

Flowers of *C. erubescens* are usually a pale dusky pink. White flowering bulbs have been described (Pearse, 1980). The latter seem to occur rather irregularly within groups of bulbs found in gorges leading away from the main Drakensberg escarpment, such as the gorge in the study area. The fre-



Fig. 4. A white flowered *ing Cyrtanthus erubescens* and details of the flowers.



Fig. 5. A white flowering *Cyrtanthus erubescens*.

quency of white flowering *C. erubescens* in the distribution area is unknown at present and would merit further study.

THE SPECIES IN CULTIVATION

Cyrtanthus erubescens grows well in cultivation in areas with cold dry winters and rainy summers. Elsewhere it should be grown under controlled conditions in a greenhouse. Bulbs should be planted in deep soil in large containers. An ideal soil mix for growing these bulbs in Johannesburg has been found to consist of one third river sand, one third acid compost, and one third gritty sandy soil.

Bulbs grow best in light dappled shade similar to that found in their native habitat in the Drakensberg. They should be thoroughly watered about once every 7-10 days in the summer, but they should be kept dry during the winter. Occasional deep watering may be started in the early spring and increased as the flower buds start to push through the soil.

Seed is readily produced in cultivation but apparently only when plants are cross pollinated. Bulbs do not usually flower, however, unless they are given enough moisture and just the right amount of dappled shade.

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Fig. 6. A newly emerged budscape of *Cyrtanthus erubescens* photographed shortly after it has pushed through the surface of the soil. A white flowering *Cyrtanthus erubescens*.



Fig. 7. A *Cyrtanthus erubescens* budumbel at the beginning of anthesis, to open about 2 days after the scape had it has emergedged through the surface of the soil.

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FIELD ACCOUNT

During my second trip to Tchad in 1993, Darrel Plowes spawned a side-trip arrangement for me to visit the National Herbarium at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. It was a brief encounter lasting six days, two of which were consumed with flights into and out of Ethiopia, and one day was lost to bureaucracy because I was traveling on a Tchadian visa. Dr. Sebsebe Demissew of the Science Faculty was very gracious and organized a



Fig. 1. *Crinum abyssinicum* in bud, 14 km northeast of Addis Ababa, 21 July 1993. All photographs by the author.



Fig. 2. *Crinum abyssinicum* in flower, 14 km northeast of Addis Ababa, 21 July 1993.

three-day field trip for me, providing a University vehicle with driver and a botany student to accompany me. It was a wonderful adventure, and I shall always remember the hospitality shown to me by my Ethiopian friends.

It was mid July, and I was anticipating warm/hot weather similar to Tchad, since Ethiopia actually is located nearer the equator than Tchad. Unfortunately, I was inadequately clothed for the summer climate in the central Ethiopian plateau. It was cloudy and misty with intermittent brief rain showers the entire time, with daytime temperatures of 65-70F which fell to 40-45F at nighttime. The terrain was lush green, and crops such as barley were in active growth. My immediate priority was to purchase a warm waterproof jacket.

The first day we drove northeast toward Debra Birham. It seemed that

virtually every speck of land was under cultivation. (The Ethiopians use an expression: Wherever an Ethiopian can walk, he will plant something.) Trees other than *Eucalyptus* were rarely noticed. In spite of the extensive cultivation (mostly barley), *Crinum abyssinicum* was flourishing in numerous localities, and it was flowering (Fig. 1, 2.). We literally observed thousands of bulbs, and these were dispersed throughout the cultivated landscape. This symbiosis with agricultural activities was only afforded because mechanized farm implements were not in use. The bulbs had burrowed deep into the soil, falling below the reach of the ox drawn plow. After the fields were plowed and planted in the spring, up with the barley seedlings came the leaves and scapes of *C. abyssinicum* when the rainy season commenced. It seemed that the local peoples either enjoyed the bulbs or accepted them via superstitious beliefs, because the bulbs were left undisturbed year after year.

There were two patterns involving the distribution of these bulbs, accounting for previous confusion that there was a second species present, *C. schimperi* Vatke ex Schumann. However, it was apparent that the same species was just growing in two different habitats. Bulbs were noted to be growing on rocky hillsides in sandy clayish loam, and they were also found in valleys and flatlands where the soil was heavy clay. A few locations displayed a continuous transition zone from hillsides to valley flatlands. Those bulbs growing on the hillsides tended to have globular shapes with short underground necks (Fig. 3.), whereas those bulbs occurring in the clayish flatlands were conically shaped with long underground necks (Fig. 4.). This difference may just have been a cultivation artifact accentuated by the ox drawn plow, but the soil was distinctly a different composition in the two localities.

During the second day, we drove west to Holeta and then north to the Mugger Valley. Again there were many sightings of *C. abyssinicum*. When we reached the outskirts of the Mugger Valley, we came to a huge tract of land fenced off and controlled by the Mugger Cement Factory. After negotiating entry into the valley, we soon encountered relatively undisturbed land as we began to descend the steep wall of the valley beyond the cement excavation areas. Trees were still rare, but the terrain was quite rocky. Then we spied a *Crinum* which was not in bloom, but which had a different leaf pattern from *C. abyssinicum*. Several small bulbs were collected; subsequent cultivation in Southeast Texas has shown these bulbs to bear resemblance to *C. broussonetii* (Redoute) Herbert, but the leaves are shorter and more



Fig. 3. (Left) Bulb of *Crinum abyssinicum* displaying a short underground neck, rocky hillside, 12 km north of Holeta, 22 July 1993.



Fig. 4. (Right) Bulb of *Crinum abyssinicum* displaying a long underground neck, cultivated flatland, 14 km northeast of Addis Ababa, 21 July 1993.

spreading, while the flowers possess a potent pleasant scent, quite unlike *C. broussonetii* which is virtually unscented (Lehmiller, 1997). A proper investigation regarding the identity has not been attempted at this date.

The third day was uneventful. We drove to Crater Lake as we had obtained data on a collection site from a herbarium specimen at the National Herbarium. En route there were multiple sightings of a pink *C. x powellii*, and there was also a second inferior pink hybrid in cultivation whose origin may have been from one of the rare seeds produced by *C. x powellii*. The terrain about Crater Lake was entirely disturbed, and vast expanses were overgrown with huge stands of an alien invader, the prickly pear cactus. No indigenous *Crinum* were observed the entire day.

The literature provides only brief descriptions of *C. abyssinicum*, and listed below is a detailed account of field measurements obtained during my trip:

Crinum abyssincum Hochst. ex A. Rich.

Type specimen: *Ethiopia*. Between Easchedcap and Schoata, Schimper 1874, 5 July 1842, K.

Syn.: *Crinum schimperi* Vatke ex Schumann.

Description:

Bulb globular to conical, 3.5-6.0 cm in diameter, tapering to an underground neck 9.0-32.0 cm long, covered with a gray-brown papery tunic. Leaves 4-12, usually without a false stem, initially erect and then spreading laterally while inclining, lanceolate to near strap shaped with a depressed midrib and a long tapering tip, containing weak wooly fibers when torn apart, dull green to near glaucous green, 25-78 cm long by 2.5-3.5 cm wide; margins finely serrated. Scapes light green with distal weak to prominent reddish brown pigment, 9-38 cm long. Spathe initially green upon emergence, but then acquiring a reddish brown pigment, with tapering rounded tips, 7.0-10 cm long by 2.0-2.5 cm wide; beginning to wither at anthesis. Umbel 2-6; flowers zygomorphic, sessile, pleasantly scented. Buds initially red to pinkish red, inclining before anthesis, with most of the pinkish red pigment dissipating before anthesis. Ovaries shiny, dark reddish brown. Perianth tube curved at anthesis, reddish brown with sometimes green distally, 10.5-13.0 cm long. Segments lanceolate, white with some reddish pink pigment on the distal-dorsal outer segments, unequal with the outer segments slightly longer and narrower, 8.5-11.0 cm long by 1.6-2.2 cm wide; apiculates more prominent on the outer segments. Filaments 6, clustered, distally curved, white, unequal with those attached to the inner segments longer, 4.5-9.0 cm long. Style slender and filiform, white, 7.0-8.0 cm long; stigma minutely capitate. Anthers linear and white in buds, turning black and curved at maturity; pollen gray. Fruit globular, umbilicated but sometimes with a short rostellum to 1.5 cm long, displaying shiny red to reddish brown pigment at maturity, 3.0-5.0 cm in diameter; seeds usually 1-2 per fruit but occasionally as many as 8 per fruit, angulated if compressed by adjacent seeds, light greenish tan, not shiny, outer surface discolored by decomposing pericarp, up to 4.5 cm in diameter if solitary.

DISCUSSION AND CULTIVATION

Henry Nehrling composed a brief dialogue detailing his experiences with *Crinum* in Florida in the early Twentieth Century that was reprinted in The Standard Cyclopedic of Horticulture (L.H. Bailey, 1950). Regarding *C. abyssinicum*, Nehrling provided only a brief comment: “*C. abyssinicum* has white flowers and is attractive, but it does not grow well in the sandy soils of Florida.” Bailey (1950) commented that *C. abyssinicum* was a greenhouse bulb. G. Ulrich (1936), who resided in Missouri, reported that he maintained *C. abyssinicum* in cultivation, but he remarked that it was a “shy seeder” and that the number of his bulbs was dwindling; he cultivated his bulbs outdoors in the summer, but these were moved to his bulb cellar after the first frost and stored in a completely dry state. Therefore, it appeared that there were bulbs of *C. abyssinicum* in circulation in the U.S. in the early Twentieth Century. However, no offerings of *C. abyssinicum* were to be found in the commercial mail-order catalogs of Amaryllid specialists such as Cecil Houdyshel (1943), Wyndham Wayward (1948), and Grace Primo (1950). How long these bulbs persisted in horticultural circles was unknown. Did Luther Burbank cultivate *C. abyssinicum*? No known records existed regarding Luther Burbank’s *Crinum* hybrids. In 1978,

Herbert Kelley Jr. (personal communication) dug several clumps of *Crinum* at a residence in Riverside, California, which the elderly property owner had directly purchased from Luther Burbank. Although there was no identification provided with these bulbs other than they were hybrids



Fig. 5. Fruit of *Crinum abyssinicum*, 2 km south of Chacha, 21 July 1993.

developed by Burbank, L.S. Hannibal later acquired several bulbs, pronounced them to be *C. abyssinicum*, and began distributing them in the U.S. horticultural trade. However, these latter bulbs, some of which still remain in circulation, were not *C. abyssinicum*, but the possibility existed that they could have been a hybrid involving *C. abyssinicum*.

My own experience in cultivating *C. abyssinicum* somewhat parallels that of Nehrling. I possess circa 20 mature bulbs that each spring develop healthy splays of leaves, but the bulbs bloom sporadically, usually in July when it is quite hot, and only rarely are seeds produced. Likely the summers are too hot in Southeast Texas when compared to the central Ethiopian plateau. Also, when a bulb does bloom for me, the flowers tend to be somewhat tubular shaped rather than trumpet shaped as found in Ethiopia; flowers also lack much of the red pigmentation, and they have short perianth tubes (Fig. 7). In my opinion, this species has limited horticultural value in my climate, but it may perform well in a cooler northern climate. Surprisingly, the type specimen of *C. abyssinicum*, Schrimper, #1874, K, has similar floral features to my cultivated bulbs, suggesting that it originated from a stunted bulb possibly related to one of the Ethiopian droughts. The latter appearance also may have contributed to the confusion regarding *C. schrimperi*, the latter whose description more closely parallels my field measurements.

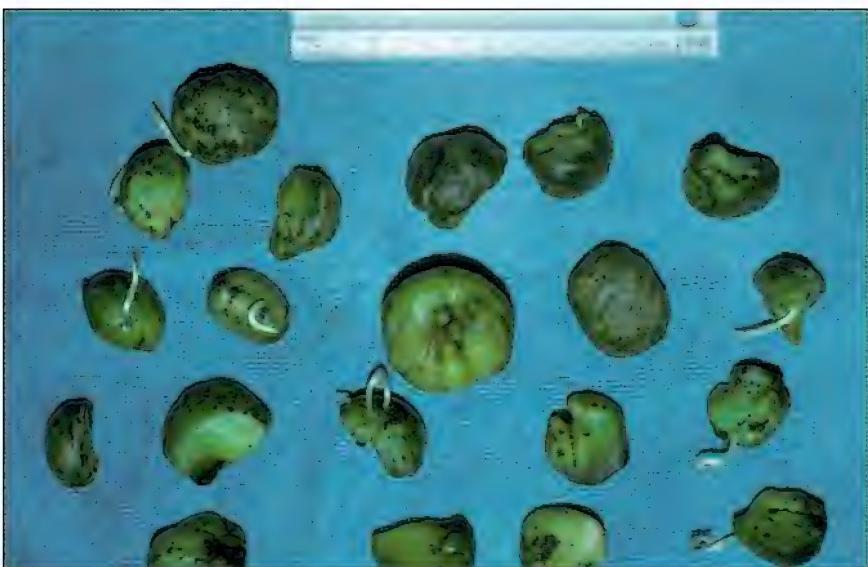


Fig. 6. Seed of *Crinum abyssinicum*, 23 July 1993.

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Fig. 7. *Crinum abyssinicum* in cultivation, Southeast Texas.

ANATOMICAL FEATURES OF THREE SPECIES OF AMARYLLIDACEAE FROM NORTH-EASTERN BRAZIL

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ABSTRACT

Grifflinia gardneriana Herb., *Habranthus sylvaticus* Herb., and *Hippeastrum stylosum* Herb. (Amaryllidaceae) from north-eastern Brazil were studied to elucidate the internal structures of the leaves, cataphylls and roots and relate them to the taxonomy of the family. The species were collected in Catimbau National Park, Buíque, Pernambuco and subjected to standard anatomical techniques. Striated epicuticular waxes, 1-layered epidermis and anomocytic stomata on the leaf surfaces, air cavities, cells containing single raphids and mucilage storage, and aquiferous parenchymatic cells in cataphylls are common characters to the studied taxa. Palisade tissue appears only in *Habranthus sylvaticus* and a compact mesophyll in *Grifflinia gardneriana*. The vascular bundles in the cataphylls are distributed in a row in *Hippeastrum stylosum* and *Habranthus sylvaticus* and two rows in *Grifflinia gardneriana*. The roots of *Hippeastrum stylosum* show a heterogeneous radicular cortex. Leaves, cataphylls and roots have tracheids with annular, helicoid or both thickenings. Vessels with scalariform perforation plates and pits are restricted to roots.

Key-Words: Amaryllidaceae, Anatomy, *caatinga*, Griffineae, Hippeastreae.

INTRODUCTION

The family Amaryllidaceae has approximately 850 species in 600 genera widely distributed in temperate and tropical regions, with three main dispersion centers: South America, Southern Africa and the European

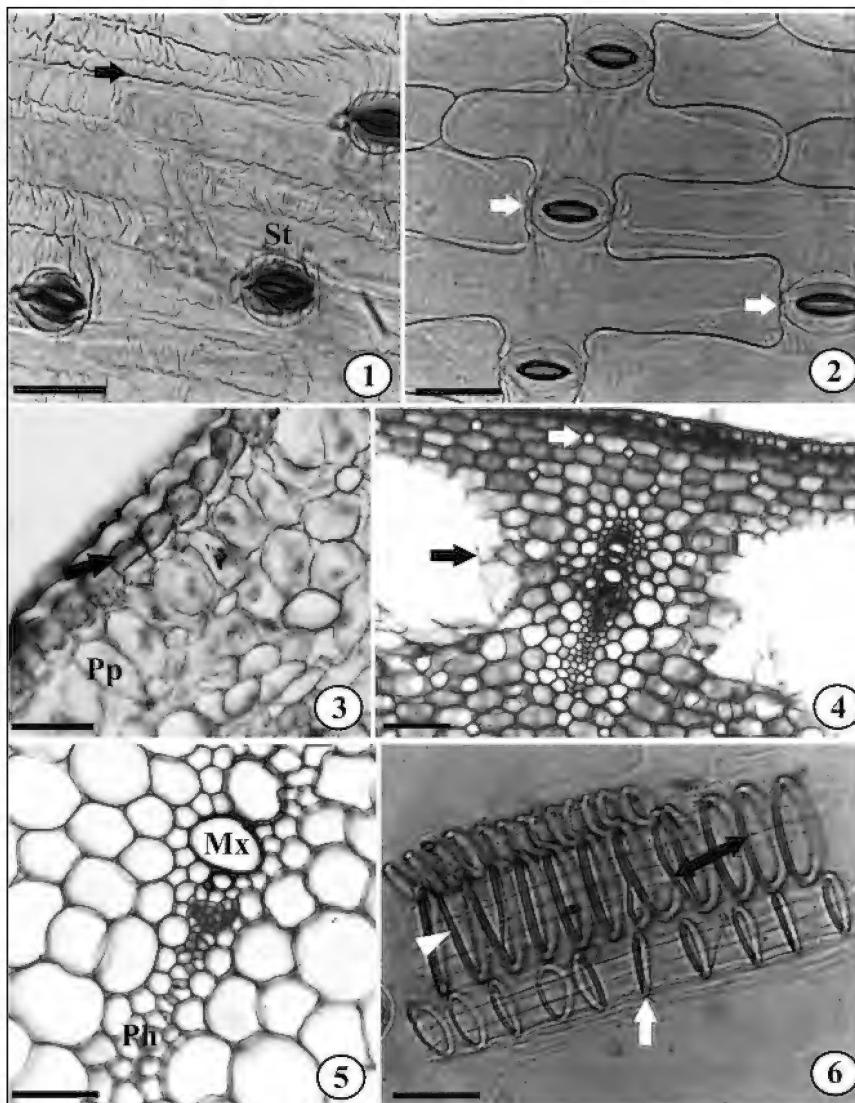


Fig. 1-6. Leaves

1. *Hippeastrum stylosum* (PV), abaxial surface, showing striae (black arrow) on the epicuticular wax.
2. *Griffina gardneriana* (PV), abaxial surface, showing truncate ends of the epidermal cells (white arrows).
3. *Habranthus sylvaticus* (TS), note the outer periclinal wall thickness of the epidermal cells (wide black arrow) and palisade parenchyma.
4. *Griffina gardneriana* (TS), general view, showing the air cavities from a lysigenous process – refer to the broken walls of the cells (black arrow), idioblasts with single raphids and mucilage (white arrow), and vascular bundle.
5. *Hippeastrum stylosum* (TS), detail of vascular system.
6. *Griffina gardneriana*, tracheids with annular (white arrow), helicoidal (white head arrow) and mixed (black double arrow) secondary thickening.

Legend: St: Stomata Pl: Phloem; Ac: Air cavities; Pp: Palisade parenchyma.

Bars: Figures 1-3. 60mm; 4. 200mm; 5. 60mm; 6. 80mm.

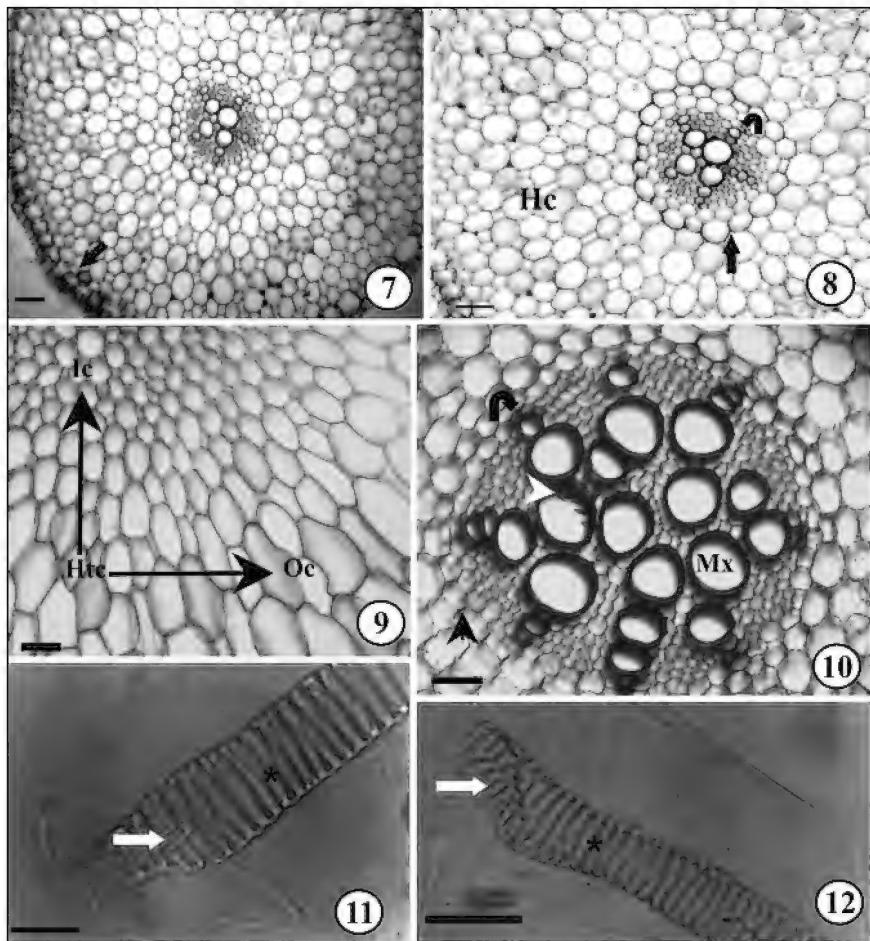


Fig. 7-12. Roots

7. *Habranthus sylvaticus*, general view, black arrow indicating biseriate exodermis.
 8. *Habranthus sylvaticus*, homogeneous cortical region, conspicuous Caspary strip (black arrow) and xylem formed by five poles of protoxylem (curved black arrow).
 9. *Hippeastrum stylosum*, heterogeneous cortex (black arrows) showing the inner and outer layers.
 10. Detail of vascular system of *Grimmia gardneriana*; the black arrow indicates the Caspary strip of the endodermis, which is formed by eight poles of protoxylem (curved black arrow). Note the fragment of scalariform perforation plate (white arrow) in the metaxylem.
 11. *Grimmia gardneriana*, vessel elements.
 12. *Hippeastrum stylosum*, vessel elements with scalariform perforation plate (white arrow) as well as pits (*).
- Legend:** **Hc:** Homogeneous cortex; **Htc:** Heterogenous cortex; **Ic:** Inner cortex;
Oc: Outer cortex; **Mx:** Metaxylema.
- Bars:** Figures 7. 30µm; 8. 20µm; 9. 5µm; 10. 45µm; 11-12. 80µm.

Mediterranean region (Meerow, 2003). Some of the Brazilian Amaryllidaceae are found in different ecosystems, such as the Atlantic Rain Forest and the *caatinga*. In northeastern Brazil, there are approximately 20 species, belonging to the genera *Cearanthes*¹, *Griffinia*, *Habranthus*, *Hippeastrum*, and *Zephyranthes*, which are distributed throughout the region. The State of Bahia has the greatest species richness (Cowley, 1995; Dutilh, 2003).

Considering the great phenotypic plasticity and the similarity of the leaves and the other organs among species of the family, anatomy becomes an important tool for taxonomic diagnosis. The principal works examining anatomy in the Amaryllidaceae were performed using exotic species from the other countries and regions of the world, such as those by Cheadle (1969), Shah and Gopal (1970) and Arroyo and Cutler (1984). These authors report the internal structure of Amaryllidaceae species belonging to several tribes and genera. Morphological and anatomical studies by Raymundez *et al.* (2000) with *Hymenocallis*, as well as by Arroyo (1982a) increased the knowledge on bulb organization in the family. Recently, Davis and Barnett (1977) studied leaf anatomy in *Galanthus* species, and Šcepánková and Hudák (2004) examined foliar and tepal anatomy in *Galanthus nivalis* L. and *Leucojum aestivum* L. Both of these works are important data sources concerning anatomical features with taxonomic implications.

The aims of this study are first to investigate the anatomical features among the different taxa and secondly to relate these features to their taxonomy.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Griffinia gardneriana Herb. (A. Alves-Araújo 008, 033), classified in the tribe Griffineae (Meerow, 2003); and *Habranthus sylvaticus* Herb. (A. Alves-Araújo 002, 006, 020) and *Hippeastrum stylosum* Herb. (A. Alves-Araújo 017, 032), both belonging to the tribe Hippeastreae (Meerow and Snijman, 1998), were collected in sandy soil, along the Conchas and Canyon trails in Catimbau National Park, Buíque, in the semi-arid region of Pernambuco State, Brazil. The park covers approximately 62,000 ha, with a geomorphology formed predominantly of arenitic elements (Andrade *et al.*, 2004), temperature and average annual precipitation of 25°C and 1,100 mm respectively (SUDENE, 1990), and a vegetation classified as dense, semi-deciduous shrub formation (Andrade *et al.*, 2004). The specimens were collected at an

altitude of between 960 and 980 m ($08^{\circ}32' S$ and $37^{\circ}14' W$). *Hippeastrum stylosum* was always found under shrubs, while *Grifflinia gardneriana* and *Habranthus sylvaticus* occurred in open areas. The vouchers are in the UFP and UEC herbaria collections.

For the anatomical analysis, the samples were fixed using FAA 50 and conserved in 70% ethanol (Johansen, 1940). Totally expanded leaves, cataphylls and roots from each species were transversely sectioned (TS) by hand with razor blades. The sections were clarified using 50% sodium hypochlorite and submitted to double staining with safrablue (Kraus and Arduin, 1997). Techniques like dissociation with hydrogen peroxide and acetic acid (Franklin, 1945) and diafanization with 50% sodium hypochlorite were performed to observe the tracheal elements and leaf epidermis, respectively. These samples were stained with 50% hydroalcoholic safranine (Kraus and Arduin, 1997).

Microchemistry tests were made using Lugol for starch (Johansen, 1940), ferric chloride for phenolic substances (Johansen, 1940), Sudam III for lipid substances (Sass, 1951), and ruthenium red for mucilage (Kraus and Arduin, 1997).

The nomenclature adopted by Arroyo and Cutler (1984) and Metcalfe and Chalk (1979) for typological classification of epicuticular wax and stomates, respectively, was followed. Photographic records were realized using a Zeiss photomicroscope.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Leaf

Under paradermal view (PV), we observed an epicuticular wax layer forming a set of parallel striae on the epidermal cell surface. These structures can also show a perpendicular form, sometimes not visibly covering some epidermal cells, but always present near stomata (Fig. 1). According to Arroyo and Cutler (1984), these ornate forms occur in other Amaryllidaceae species. The organization of these striae on the studied leaves is classified as V-type, because the central striae (primary) are conspicuous while the secondary ones are smaller and arise from them and toward the anticinal wall. Analyses of the cuticle and epicuticular waxes have taxonomic value for some groups of Amaryllidaceae. Raymunde *et al.* (2000), studying some Venezuelan *Hymenocallis* species, observed that leaf cuticle thickness could be used for taxonomic diagnosis. In the same ways, Weiglin (2001) analyzed different patterns of epicuticular wax deposition of 32 species of *Gethyllis*

and proposed an infrageneric reorganization of groups based on which showed identical patterns, suggesting close, phylogenetic relationships among their members. In contrast, this character, under the parameters used in the present work, did not distinguish among *Griffinia gardneriana*, *Habranthus sylvaticus* and *Hippeastrum stylosum*, as the pattern is uniform in these species.

Dispersed anomocytic stomata (Fig. 2) occur on both leaf surfaces, but mostly on the abaxial surface. In *Hippeastrum stylosum*, the distribution stops at the midrib. Stomata typology and distribution on leaf surfaces are, usually, commonly studied in Amaryllidaceae (Arroyo and Cutler, 1984; Meerow and Snijman, 1998). Additionally, these characters were reported in other anatomical studies with several genera (Asatrian, 1984; Meerow, 1989; Davis and Barnett, 1997). Among the analyzed species, however, the stomata arrangement in respect to epidermal cell level of the leaves can work as a diagnostic character. In *Griffinia gardneriana* and *Habranthus sylvaticus*, the stomata are in the same level of the epidermal cells, while they can occur slightly above them in *Hippeastrum stylosum*.

In PV, rectangular cells are more or less similar in respect to morphology and show straight anticlinal walls forming the epidermis. In *Griffinia gardneriana* those cells are larger and shorter than in the other two species. The ends of the anticlinal walls can be truncated in *Griffinia gardneriana* (Fig. 2) and *Hippeastrum stylosum*, the former species with wider cells, or truncate in *Habranthus sylvaticus*. However, there is a great diversity of epidermal cell forms among the family members. This character is very distinct and consistent in different specimens analyzed for each species. Meerow (1989) adopted this character in his description of *Eucharis* and *Caliphruria*, as was done for the genera *Hymenocallis* (Artyushenko, 1996; Raymundez *et al.*, 2000) and *Galanthus* (Davis and Barnett, 1997). All these authors report a high taxonomic importance of the epidermal cell arrangement for several groups. In transverse section (TS), the epidermis is one-layered with its outer periclinal walls thickened. Its cells are isodiametric and isomorphic, exhibiting small papillae on the outer periclinal walls in the leaf border region of *Hippeastrum stylosum*. On the abaxial leaf surface of *Habranthus sylvaticus*, we observed cells of distinct sizes intercalated between themselves. Subjacent to the epidermis, on the basal third of *Hippeastrum stylosum* leaves, we detected collenchyma occurring in broad regions and, also, below the midrib.

Spongy parenchyma is common to all three species, but *Habranthus syl-*

vaticus shows a small layer of palisade cells in both surfaces (Fig. 3). The presence and arrangement of palisade tissue in leaves of *Habranthus* can be used as a taxonomic character for some species groups (Arroyo and Cutler, 1984) and, according to Meerow (1989), the absence of this tissue is an important apomorphic feature for the family. The cellular arrangement of spongy tissue varies; it can be denser and compact in *Grifflinia gardneriana* (Fig. 4) or more lax and with bigger intercellular spaces in *Hippeastrum stylosum*. This feature can, however, be intermediate in *Habranthus sylvaticus* when compared to the other two species.

Idioblasts containing single raphids and mucilage (Fig. 4) are dispersed among chlorophyllous parenchyma cells and have an aleatory distribution, occurring from near vascular bundles to below the epidermis. These cells are common in the family (Arroyo and Cutler, 1984; Meerow and Snijman, 1998), though they are referred to as sacs (Dahlgren *et al.*, 1985) due their elongated forms and perpendicular position related to other cells. In TS, these structures can be recognized by their small and round lumen.

In contrast to chlorophyllous tissue, the middle region of interfascicular mesophyll tissue has cells that present thin walls and a large lumen. Actually, these morphological characters are evidence for the initial process of lysigenous air cavity genesis (Fig. 4). This character occurs in all of the studied species and corroborates data reported in other Amaryllidaceae (Meerow and Snijman, 1998; Meerow, 2003), and even in several unrelated families like Bromeliaceae (Proen  a and Sajo, 2004), Cyperaceae (Martins, personal communication), Heliconiaceae (Sim  o and Scatena, 2004), Iridaceae (Rudall, 1991; 1994), and Zingiberaceae (Albuquerque and Neves, 2004), though its genesis may be different. The aerenchyma tissue becomes more evident between the vascular bundles of the middle region, where its distribution reaches the endodermis and chlorenchyma tissue of both leaf surfaces.

The vascular system looks like an arch and the midrib is slightly larger than other veins in the broadest region of the leaf (Fig. 5). This kind of disposition occurs, usually, in bifacial leaves, and not in unifacial leaves that have a cylindrical form. Nevertheless, intermediate forms do exist and may be evidence for evolutionary relatedness (Arroyo and Cutler, 1984). The parallel collateral bundles have an elongated linear arrangement and are perpendicular to the organ axis, due to the xylem organization and, primarily, the phloem tissue. This arrangement was already reported by Davis and Barnett (1997) for species of *Galanthus*. We observed the same conforma-

tion in *Grifflinia gardneriana*, *Habranthus sylvaticus* and *Hippeastrum stylosum*.

The xylem tissue is formed exclusively by parenchymatic cells and tracheids with walls of helicoid, annular or mixed thickenings (Fig. 6), the latter being when both types occur in the same cell. This data corroborate Cheadle's (1969) observation of the presence of vessels as an exclusive character of the roots in Amaryllidaceae. Both metaxylem and protoxylem vary from 1-3 units per vascular bundle. The phloem tissue can have a variable number of cells and is proportionally less elongated the further the tissue is from the midrib.

2. Cataphylls

The analyzed bulbs are classified as tunics and have concentric cataphylls totally surrounding the buds (Bell, 1998), which be axillary (*Habranthus* and *Hippeastrum*) or terminal depending on the genus (Arroyo, 1982a). In PV, the structure of the cataphylls displayed little variation among the taxa, presenting an epidermis formed by rectangular cells with truncated ends on both surfaces, except in *Habranthus sylvaticus*, which had pointed ends.

In TS, cataphylls show a conformation very similar to leaves. The epidermis is one-layered and composed of rectangular cells that have thin walls in *Grifflinia gardneriana* or with a slight thickness of the outer periclinal wall of *Habranthus sylvaticus* and *Hippeastrum stylosum*. Below the epidermis, we can find intercalated cells of different sizes and shapes, idioblasts containing several single raphids and storage cells with mucilage. According to Fahn and Cutler (1992), the presence of mucilage is very important in different storage organs, because its properties increase liquid retention. The storage structures are distributed near the adaxial epidermis surface, corroborating the findings of Arroyo and Cutler (1984).

In TS, the cataphyll mesophyll texture distinguishes the species, for example more dense in *Habranthus sylvaticus* or lax in *Grifflinia gardneriana* and *Hippeastrum stylosum*.

The mesophyll can be divided into two different regions: one composed of amyloferous parenchyma, and another characterized by the presence of aquiferous parenchyma. The starch storage tissue occurs close to the abaxial surface and reaches the level of the vascular bundles. The uppermost cells, therefore, are 4-7 cells distant from the epidermis. The aquiferous parenchyma is distinguished mainly by the presence of cells with large lumens, thin walls, and a variable disposition among the species near to the adaxial sur-

face of the cataphyll. Mann (1952) observed in cataphylls of *Allium sativum* L. (Alliaceae), the presence of storage tissues with centripetal conformation when compared to species studied in this paper. This observation, however, can be explained by the morphological type of the *Allium sativum* bulb, which is classified as solid (Mann, 1952). In both tunicate and solid bulbs, parenchyma cells tend to collapse, therefore reducing the number of cell layers and, consequently, organ thickness. This feature reflects the age of the cataphylls; the oldest ones are found in the outer region of the bulb, and so act like a physical protective tissue for the meristematic buds (Arroyo, 1982a). The presence of aquiferous parenchyma, absence of air cavities, absence of chlorophyll and stomata are the main distinguishing characters of the cataphylls and leaves in the analyzed species.

The vascular system of the cataphylls is similar to leaves, although it can be arranged in two layers with small bundles: one near the abaxial surface and another one in the middle region of the mesophyll as reported in *Griffinia gardneriana*. In *Habranthus sylvaticus* and *Hippeastrum stylosum*, the bundles are larger and elongated in the direction of both surfaces of the epidermis, and they are distributed in only one layer. In the first case, the anatomical arrangement differs from that reported by Arroyo and Cutler (1984) for some species they studied. In their paper, the authors report an irregular distribution, but this is not corroborated in our observations of *Griffinia gardneriana*.

3. Roots

In TS, the roots show a uniseriate and persistent epidermis. The persistence of epidermis distinguishes South American species from the African ones which develop a velamen (Arroyo and Cutler, 1984). Arroyo (1982b) also reports the presence of this character for *Ixiolirion*, a taxon nowadays classified in the family Ixioliriaceae (APG II, 2003). Root hairs are absent in mature roots, and the exodermis is uniseriate, except in *Habranthus sylvaticus* which has biserrate exodermic tissue (Fig. 7) composed of hexagonal cells. The cortical region, formed by several layers of cells with similar shape and size, is homogeneous in *Griffinia gardneriana* and *Habranthus sylvaticus* (Fig. 8) and heterogeneous in *Hippeastrum stylosum* (Fig. 9). The heterogeneity is due to the presence of two different cortical regions: the outer one composed of parenchymatic cells with a large lumen close to the exodermis, and an inner one formed by 5-7 layers of parenchymatic cells that are nearly isodiametric and lack or have scarce intercellular spaces. Both of these

arrangements were also reported by Arroyo and Cutler (1984). A uniseriate endodermis with a conspicuous Casparyan strip (Fig. 9) is common to these species.

Xylem and phloem alternate in the root vascular system. Differences can be observed in the number of protoxylem poles from each species. The number can be either five (Fig. 8) or six in *Habranthus sylvaticus*, six in *Hippeastrum stylosum*, and eight in *Grifflinia gardneriana* (Fig. 10). Metaxylem occupies the center of the stele and has a variable number of tracheal elements.

In roots, in addition to tracheids with a thickness similar to those observed in leaves and cataphylls, vessel elements also occur. These elements are present exclusively in roots, as reported by Cheadle (1969) who affirmed the presence of these cells only in roots of several species, including members of Agapanthaceae, Alliaceae, Amaryllidaceae and Ixioliriaceae. In Cheadle's treatment (1969), the studied taxa were classified as belonging to the Amaryllidaceae.

The morphological features of vessel elements were treated as an important character and were elucidated by Cheadle (1968; 1969). The vessel elements have scalariform oblique perforation plates and a scalariform pattern of pits (Fig. 10, 11, 12). These structures are difficult to see sometimes due to the disposition of wall thickness. Cheadle (1969) assigned an evolutionary significance to the observed features, attributing them to the tribes Agapantheae and Allieae, nowadays classified as Agapanthaceae and Alliaceae (APG II, 2003), as being intermediate in state. According to the author, the vessel elements of Amaryllidaceae constitute the climax of evolution of tracheal elements in this group. However, this disposition of perforation plates is not restricted to the afore-mentioned families, or even to the order Asparagales, in which they are classified. Cheadle and Hosakai (1971) detected very similar structural shapes in members of Liliaceae *sensu lato*. In fact, Cheadle (1968) also observed them in Haemodorales, an order currently reassigned into Commelinaceae. These taxa share several similarities with the tracheal elements of some species of Hypoxidaceae and Velloziaceae.

The anatomical features observed in the leaves, cataphylls and roots are sufficient to distinguish the studied taxa. However, many of these features are common to several members of the Amaryllidaceae.

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ALLIUM FRASERI (ALLIACEAE) AND ITS ALLIES

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INTRODUCTION

At least four species of *Allium* (*A. fraseri*, *A. texanum*, and two newly identified species) from Texas have been lumped under the epithet *Allium canadense* L. var. *fraseri* by Ownbey (1950). An effort has been made to untangle this complicated problem.

1. *Allium fraseri* (Ownbey) Shinners emend. T.M. Howard

Syn. *Allium canadense* L. var. *fraseri* M. Ownbey, pro parte, Research Studies, State College of Washington 18(4):181-222, 1950.

Allium fraseri (Ownbey) Shinners, pro parte, Field and Laboratory 19:104, 1951.

Allium lavendulare var. *fraseri* Shinners, pro parte, Field and Laboratory 20:164, 1953.

Allium acetabulum (Raf.) Shinners, pro parte, Field and Laboratory 25:31-32, 1957.

EMENDED DESCRIPTION:

Bulb ovoid, without basal bulblets, ca. 2 cm long, ca. 1 cm wide, often in clusters, inner coats whitish, epidermal cells obscure, vertically elongate, regular or nearly so, outer coats persisting as a series of grayish-brown, fibrous, fine to coarse meshed open reticula, enclosing 1 or more bulbs. Leaves 3-7, suberect, spreading, mid-green at anthesis, shorter than the scape, 3-6 mm broad, channeled or slightly flattened, concave-convex in cross section, margins entire. Scape 20-50 cm long, terete, 1-2 per bulb; spathe membranous, caudate, breaking before anthesis into usually 3, ovate to lanceolate, attenuate, 5-7 nerved bracts, which may remain partially united at the base.

Umbel slightly fragrant, many-flowered (16-80), erect, pedicels becoming subequal in length, mostly 2-3 times that of the perianth, elongating and becoming flexuous and rigid in fruit; perianth broadly campanulate, segments 5-8 mm long, elliptic to lanceolate, acute or obtuse, entire, spreading, cream-white, withering in fruit, the midribs somewhat thickened; stamens shorter than the perianth, filaments subulate, dilated, and united into a cup at the base, anthers yellowish-white, oblong, obtuse; ovary yellowish-white



Fig. 1. *Allium fraseri* (Ownbey) Shinners emend. T. M. Howard. Bexar County, Texas, April 21, 1990.
All photographs by the author.

to greenish, crestless; style linear, about equaling the filaments in length, stigma capitate, entire or obscurely lobed. Seeds black, shining, finely alveolate, alveoli with a minute pustule in center.

Type: Texas. Kerr County, Bear Creek, Heller 1684, April 21, 1894 (WS).

Lectotype: Texas. Kerr County, Bear Creek, Howard 90-21, April 22, 1990
(MO).

Isotype: Texas. Bexar County, roadside Hwy 281, 2 miles north of Loop
1604, San Antonio, Howard 90-18, April 21, 1990 (MO).

Chromosome count: $2n = 14$ (Ownbey and Aase, 1955, culture #972).

DISCUSSION

Ownbey (1950) reduced several distinctive *Allium* taxa (*A. ecristatum* Jones, *A. fraseri* (Ownbey) Shinners, *A. lavendulare* Bates, and *A. mobilense* Regal) to varieties of a single species, *A. canadense* L., basing this change on the presence of reticulated bulb coats which they shared in varying degrees. All but *A. lavendulare* were found in Texas. This concept was rejected by Texas field botanists such as Shinners and Cory, who were both at Southern Methodist University. They considered these four taxa as distinct species. The subsequent name changes for *A. fraseri* were rather surprising, especially when one considered that Shinners renamed it three times in succession in response to Ownbey's concept that "variety *fraseri*" was a form of *A. canadense*. Shinners was correct in his defiance, but it was unfortunate that he took such a tortured route to make his point. He could have stopped with *A. fraseri* (Ownbey) Shinners. Each time he changed his mind, he amplified the confusion. His final epithet was *A. acetabulum* (Raf.) Shinners, from *Geboscon acetabulum* Rafinesque, which was really a synonym for *Northoscordum bivalve*.

Previous references to the several forms ascribed to *A. fraseri* by Ownbey and Shinners are referred to as "pro parte" since their original descriptions were compiled from four different white-flowered species ranging from South Dakota to Texas. The above emended description defines *A. fraseri*, while excluding the other three allied taxa (*A. eulae*, *A. pseudofraseri*, and *A. texanum*) which Ownbey had seen fit to include along with the type form (Heller 1684) collected along Bear Creek, Kerr County, Texas, in 1894.

Ownbey named his new variety of *A. canadense* to honor the Right Reverend Monsignor Samuel V. Fraser of Aurora, Kansas, who described *A. per dulce* in 1940, and who discovered the new *Allium* taxon in Kansas which had the white flowers. The varietal name *fraseri* was applied as one of the several floriferous varieties for *A. canadense*.

In correspondence with Rev. Frazer, Cory thought that he too had found this new form with the white flowers in Texas, and they exchanged material. Cory expressed an opinion that Fraser had found an undescribed species.

But Ownbey selected a different *Allium* to represent the type for *A. canadense* var. *fraseri*, based on the Heller 1684 specimen from Kerr County, Texas, not realizing that the latter differed from Fraser's bulb in several important details, easily observed in living material but not easily observed in dried specimens.

Thus the Texas taxon became the type for "var. *fraseri*", while the Kansas



Fig. 2. *Allium pseudofraseri* T. M. Howard in cultivation.



Fig. 3. *Allium eulae* T. M. Howard in cultivation; rare pinkish form.

taxon was excluded through mistaken identity. Rev. Fraser was inadvertently honored by the wrong plant, and no one was the wiser. Shinners (1951) elevated *A. canadense* var. *fraseri* to specific rank, based on the single collection Fraser 56256, Kansas, Dickinson County, Western Herrington, south east of the entrance to Herrington Cemetery, 1949. This species was found in Oklahoma, East-central Texas and North Texas, and was the species familiar to Shinners and Cory. Neither of these men realized that the Allium species from Kerr County, Texas, was a very different bulb and each inadvertently helped perpetuate the error. They were more concerned with separating *A. canadense* from *A. fraseri* and failed to note the important differences between them. Thus *A. fraseri* was defined as a species apart from *A. canadense* and other related white-flowered Texas species having reticulated bulb coats (and lacking bulbils in the umbel).

Each species breaks down into its own geographical forms, which in turn have their own varieties. In defining *A. fraseri* based upon the type material, there is a species endemic to the Edwards Plateau and Hill Country of Texas, growing among scattered live oak trees in well drained black alkaline soil. The flowers are slightly fragrant in many-flowered hemispherical umbels.

2. *Allium pseudofraseri* T.M. Howard, species novo.

Syn. *Allium fraseri* (Ownbey) Shinners, pro parte, Field and Laboratory 19:104, 1951.

Allium canadense L. var. *fraseri* Ownbey, pro parte, Research Studies, State College of Washington 18(4):181-222, 1950.

Affinis a *A. eulae* at *A. fraseri* sed differt en florens urceolatus, praecox vernus, pedicillis gracilis, suaveolens hyacinthoides; habitatio arenosum, non alkalinus. Differt *A. canadense* en umbellatibus bulbillis deficientibus, habitatio minus uvidus, bulbo plus densus tunicato; a *A. fraseri* en flores praecox vernus urceolatus; plus suaveolens hyacinthoides, foliis late spiralis, a *A. texanum* en planta parvus, foliis angustius, viridis, florens praecox, bulbo plus densus tunicato, ovoideo, antheris subroseus; a *A. eulae* en florens praecox, plus suaveolens, bulbo plus densus tunicato, ovoideo, foliis primum crescens hiemalis.

DESCRIPTION:

Bulb ovoid, without basal bulblets, one of a cluster, ca. 1.5 cm long, ca. 1.0

cm wide, inner coats whitish, epidermal cells obscure, vertically elongate, regular or nearly so, outer coats persisting in layers of grayish fibrous, fine to coarsely meshed open reticulate, enclosing one or more bulbs. Leaves 3-7 per bulb, green at anthesis, channeled, concave-convex in cross section, 3-10 mm wide, margins entire, usually shorter than or equal to the scape, erect to suberect in lower half, broadly spiraling. Scapes 1-2 per bulb, 15-35 cm long, terete; spathe membranaceous, caudate, splitting before anthesis into usually three, ovate to lanceolate, attenuate, 6-7 nerved bracts, which remain partially united at the base. Umbel many-flowered (20-100+), densely hemispherical, flowers with a sweet hyacinth-like fragrance in the afternoon; pedicels slender, erect, becoming subequal in length, mostly 3-4 times that of the perianth, elongating and becoming flexuous to rigid in fruit; perianth urceolate to sub-campanulate, segments 5-7 mm long, elliptic to lanceolate, obtuse or acute at apex, suberect, milky-white to pinkish, or (rarely) pink, withering in fruit, persistent, the mid-ribs somewhat thickened; stamens usually shorter than the perianth, filaments subulate, dilated and united into a cup at the base; anthers pink, pinkish, or cream-white, oblong, obtuse; ovary greenish, crestless; style linear, about equaling the filaments in length, stigma capitate, entirely or obscurely lobed. Seeds black, shining, finely alveolate, alveoli of each with a minute central pustule.

Type: Texas. Tarrant County, Bluebird Avenue, Oakhurst, Fort Worth, V. L. Cory 54345, April 16, 1948 (WS).

Chromosome count: $2n = 14$ (Ownbey and Aase, 1955, culture #612.)

3. *Allium eulae* (V.L. Cory) T.M. Howard, species novo.

Syn. *Allium canadense* L. var. *fraseri* Ownbey, pro parte, Research Studies, State College of Washington, 18(4):181-222, 1950.

Allium fraseri var. *eulae* V.L. Cory, unpublished, personal communication, with copy of notes entitled Notes on *Allium*, V.L. Cory.

Allium fraseri (Ownbey) Shinners affinis sed differt bulbo sub-globosus, tunicato extra albido, plerumque deficieni fibris reticulatibus, anguste linearfoliis, suberectis, spiralibus, hebitis viridis, emergens praecox autumnalis, florens inodori, tepali proximus cochlear-formis, ovario albidus.

DESCRIPTION:

Bulb sub-globose to globose, ca. 1.5 cm long, ca. 1.8 cm wide, single or one of a cluster, epidermal cells obscure, vertically elongate, regular or nearly so, outer coats when present a series of grayish-tan, striate with elongate cells in regular vertical rows, inner coats membranous, whitish, with or without vestigial fibrous reticulations, not always persisting. Leaves 4-6, erect to suberect, somewhat spiraled, bright green, somewhat flattened or channeled, concave-convex in cross section, 3-5 mm wide, margins entire or minutely denticulate, shorter or equal to the scape. Scape 1-2 per bulb, 40-50 cm long, terete; spathe membranaceous, caudate, breaking before anthesis usually into 3, ovate to lanceolate, attenuate, 3-7 nerved bracts which may remain partially united at base. Umbel many flowered (20-90), scentless or faintly alliaceous, erect; pedicels becoming subequal in length, most 3-4 times that of the perianth, elongating and becoming flexuous and rigid in fruit; perianth stellate to broadly campanulate, segments 5-6 mm long, 2-3 mm wide, elliptic-lanceolate to sub-cochleate, acute or obtuse, entire, spreading, cream-white, rarely pinkish, withering in fruit, the midribs somewhat thickened; stamens usually shorter than the perianth, filaments subulate, dilated into a cup at base; anthers whitish to pinkish, oblong, obtuse; ovary whitish, rarely pinkish, crestless; style linear, about equaling the filaments in length, stigma capitate, entire or obtusely lobed. Seeds black, shining, finely alveolate, alveoli each with a minute pustule at center.

Type: Texas. Burnet County, Granite Mountain, Marble Falls, V.L. Cory 49515, June 4, 1949 (WS).

Chromosome count: $2n = 14$ (Ownbey and Aase, 1955, culture #314).

Habitat: Endemic to granite hills of Central Texas in Burnet, Gillespie, and Llano Counties, in wet, seepy places and swales in full sun. Late April-May.

DISCUSSION

Allied to *A. fraseri* (Ownbey) Shinners and *A. texanum* T.M. Howard, but differs from *A. fraseri* in greater height, with erect to suberect, spiraled, dull green foliage emerging in early autumn. The bulbs are spherical and lack the heavy reticulations. Like *A. texanum*, the smaller flowers are scentless or nearly so, with nearly spoon-shaped, acute segments, and whitish ovaries. It differs from *A. texanum* in having darker, narrower linear foliage, smaller bulbs, and is of a less robust habit. The flower segments are of a different shape, and the ovary is whitish rather than greenish.

KEY

1. Bulbs ovoid with heavy gray or tan reticulations. Leaves narrowly linear.
 - A. Flowers fragrant with scent of hyacinths, segments urceolate, white (rarely pink), with ovary yellowish or pinkish. Leaves erect, usually growing in sandy soil, in eastern half of Texas.....*A. pseudofraseri*.
 - B. Flowers faintly fragrant, campanulate, white. Leaves suberect, mid-green, growing in well drained, black alkaline soil of Edwards Plateau.....*A. fraseri*.
2. Bulbs globose or ovoid, tunics lacking or faintly reticulated. Flowers scentless, or with alliaceous odor.
 - A. Flowers stellate to broadly campanulate, white, rarely pink, scentless or faintly alliaceous. Stamens and ovary white. Leaves suberect to erect, narrowly linear, dull green. Seepy places on granite hills of Central Texas.....*A. eulae*.
 - B. Bulbs robust, many-flowered. Flowers broadly campanulate, scentless. Leaves erect, spiraled, 5–10 mm wide, glaucous. River bottoms and seepy places in Central Texas and Oklahoma.....*A. texanum*.

CONCLUSION

Ownbey lumped *A. fraseri*, *A. eulae*, *A. pseudofraseri*, and *A. texanum* as forms of *A. canadense* var. *fraseri*, but his concept was awkward and did not take fully into account how they differ from one another, each with its own set of distinctive characters, such as tunics and bulb forms, presence or absence of fragrances, foliage characters, each occupying its own ecological niche, differing flower times, etc. The only thing they have in common is that each is white flowered in many-flowered umbels. Foliage of each is distinct from one another as is the season of foliar emergence, whether it is late summer, winter, or early spring. A loose set of standards must be employed for one to consider them all variant races of *A. fraseri* and that each is merely a variety of *A. canadense*. This top-heavy concept stretches credibility, proving that the *A. canadense* Alliance is sorely in need of revision.

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TAXONOMIC REVISION OF THE GENUS *RHINOPETALUM* (LILIACEAE) IN IRAN

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ABSTRACT

Taxonomic revision of the genus *Rhinopetalum* in Iran is presented, including a key, synonyms, descriptions, illustrations, taxonomic comments, ecology, and citation of specimens examined. The genus *Rhinopetalum* contains five species, *Rh. gibbosum* (Boiss.) Losinsk. & Vved., *Rh. arianum* Losinsk. & Vved., *Rh. karelinii* Fisch. ex D. Don, *Rh. bucharicum* (Regel) Losinsk., and *Rh. stenatherum* Regel, of which the two former ones occur in Iran. It is concluded that the following characters are very important in taxonomy of the genus: bulb morphology; stem and habit; leaf number, shape, colour and position; inflorescence, flower colour and morphology; nectary, androecium and pollen morphology; gynoecium, fruit and seed morphology.

Key words: *Rhinopetalum*, taxonomy, morphology, ecology.

1. INTRODUCTION

The genus *Rhinopetalum* was suggested by Fischer but he did not publish the name, which was first done by Alexander in Edinburgh New Phil. Journal (1830). Later, Baker (1874) treated it as a subgenus of *Fritillaria*. Boissier (1882) did not accord any infra-generic status to this group of species and simply included it in his subsect. *Olostyleae* of *Fritillaria*. *Rhinopetalum* was revived as a separate genus by Losina-Losinkaya (1935) in the Flora of the U.R.S.S., who distinguished it from *Fritillaria* mainly on nectary characters. She recognized five species in the genus, namely *Rh. karelinii* Fisch., *Rh. gibbosum* (Boiss.) Los.-Losinsk. & Vved., *Rh. arianum* Los.-Losinsk & Vved., *Rh. stenatherum* Regel (Fig. 3), and *Rh. bucharicum* (Regel) Los.-Losinsk., of which *Rh. arianum* and *Rh. gibbosum* occur in Iran. Because of the characteristic structure of the nectaries in *Rhinopetalum* as revealed by the scanning electron microscope (SEM), and also its general divergence from other fritillaries, segregation of subgenus *Rhinopetalum* from *Fritillaria* into a distinct genus was supported again by Bakhshi Khaniki & Persson (1997).

The aim of the present investigation has been to produce a modern morphologic and taxonomic revision of *Rhinopetalum* in Iran, using as much data as possible with the aid of light microscopy (LM) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM).

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

This revision was based on wild material. In addition to material collected by the author from the field, material from the following herbaria was also examined (abbreviations according to Holmgren et al. (1990): BG, E, G, GB, JE, K, TARI, TUH, and W. Fifteen specimens were also studied in the field in Iran (the collected living material is cultivated at the Göteborg Botanical Garden, Sweden), and another three were seen live in cultivation. Voucher specimens were kept in GB. The material was studied and measured under a stereo microscope. Nectaries, stamens, styles and seeds of all species were also studied in the scanning electron microscope. For this purpose, samples taken from fresh material and fixed and stored in FAA were critical-point dried and coated with a 50 Å layer of gold-palladium. The following informative characters were judged for morphologic and taxonomic studies: 1) bulb morphology, 2) stem and habit, 3) leaf number, shape, colour and position, 4) inflorescence, 5) flower colour and morphology, 6) nectary morphology, 7) androecium, 8) pollen morphology, 9) gynoecium morphology, 10) fruit morphology, 11) seed morphology. Descriptions and notes on habitats and altitudes refer to Iranian material.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Character Descriptions

3.1a. Bulbs. Bulb characters are invaluable for generic and sometimes for specific differentiation. In the genus *Rhinopetalum* the bulb usually consists of 2, sometimes 3 or 4, fleshy, subglobose scales ± tunicated by the marcescent remains of the scales of previous years.

3.1b. Stems and habit. Flowering stems are erect and terete, with 1/3 of the stem usually subterranean, mostly unridged and glabrous, sometimes densely papillose. The stems vary considerably in height and robustness, even in the same population and in the same plant from year to year. The stems are frequently, especially in the lower supraterranean part, suffused with deep anthocyanin purple. In some species they are markedly glaucous.

3.1c. Leaves. Very young bulbs have, in all species so far examined, a single green leaf which is generally different in size and shape from the caudine leaves of the adult flowering stem of the species. Usually it is broader, elliptic or lanceolate to ovate and narrowing below into a long or short petiole. General leaf-shape is rather constant, but there is often considerable variation in size. The arrangement (alternate, opposite, whorled) of the caudine leaves on the stem is of considerable taxonomic importance. Leaves usually occur from a little below the middle of the stem (\pm at ground level) up to the first flower, or in single-flowered stems they cease at some distance below the perianth. Presence of many bract leaves, surrounding and overtopping the flowers, is diagnostically important. Leaf colour (glaucous or green) is also of diagnostic value. Most species have glaucous leaves, while they are shiny green in others.

3.1d. Inflorescence. The genus *Rhinopetalum* has up to 11 flowers in a terminal raceme, with two bracts subtending each flower.

3.1e. Flowers. The general shape of the perianth is most important taxonomically. The outline of the flowers depends on the relative length and breadth of the tepals, the degree of differentiation of the outer and inner tepals, the spread of the tepals and the size, shape and depth of the nectaries.

The flowers of some species of *Rhinopetalum* are regular and actinomorphic with the formula normal for the *Liliaceae*. They are often drooping, usually hanging quite or nearly parallel to the stem. The pendulous position is said to protect the nectaries from being washed out by rain. Generally, the flowers of *Rhinopetalum* are narrowly campanulate. Many of the species have a slight to fairly strong odour. The flowers are obviously adapted to insect pollination. More information about pollination is given in Bakhshi Khaniki & Persson (1997). The flower in some species of *Rhinopetalum* (*Rh. arianum*, *Rh. gibbosum*) is irregular and zygomorphic due to unequal nectary-projections in different perianth segments.

The colouring of the flowers raises many taxonomic problems. Within one and the same taxonomic species there is frequently considerable variation. This involves the shade or kind of colour, the depth of colour, the pattern of colouring, the intensity of tessellation, and the presence or absence of a median stripe (*fascia*). Tessellation on the perianth is characteristic of *Rhinopetalum*, although it is lacking in some species.

- 3.1f. Nectaries.** Both inner and outer tepals have nectaries on the inside towards the base, or at least well below the middle of the tepal. The long narrow-furrowed nectaries of some fritillaries occur also in *Lilium*, but the ovate to almost circular pit of some *Fritillaria* species is apparently restricted to this genus within *Liliaceae* s. str. More information in detail about nectary morphology and its taxonomic implications in *Fritillaria* and *Rhinopetalum* is given in Bakhshi Khaniki & Persson (1997).
- 3.1g. Androecium.** The surface structure of the filament (papillose or glabrous) is taxonomically important and useful for subgeneric classification. All *Rhinopetalum* species have ± papillose filaments. Shape, size and colour of filaments seem taxonomically unimportant, however.
- 3.1h. Pollen.** Detailed palynomorphological studies on large numbers of *Rhinopetalum* species had never been performed before. The pollen morphology of some species was studied by SEM. All were characterized by having monocolpate pollen, but the pattern of exine surface and sculpture showed some differences. The pollen grains of the species within the genus *Rhinopetalum* had a rugulate surface.
- 3.1i. Gynoecium.** The ovary is three-carpellate and three-locular. Taxonomists have laid considerable stress on the branching and structure of the style. On the whole, this organ seems to give very valuable characters. Not only does style-branching give us useful subgeneric and sectional (*Trichostyleae* and *Olostyleae*) characters, but otherwise closely related species can frequently be most definitely separated by the shape of the style, or other stylar characters. However, in some cases, it would be worth considering whether there are not some species with a trifid style more closely related to species with a lobulate or undivided style than to those with which they have been associated. Styles in the genus *Rhinopetalum* are undivided. The pubescence of styles is also useful for subgeneric characterization and formal grouping. Among *Rhinopetalum* species, the styles are papillose in *Rh. stenatherum*, but glabrous in the rest of the species.
- 3.1j. Fruit and seed.** The fruit in *Fritillaria* and *Rhinopetalum* is a three-valved loculicidal capsule, that is longitudinal dehiscence occurs down the centre of the outer walls of the three compartments or loculi. The general shape of the capsule and the acute or obtuse, rounded or even slightly winged angles of the mature fruit are of taxonomic importance. Among *Rhinopetalum* species both winged and wingless capsules



Fig. I. a. *Rhinopetalum arianum*.

Fig. I. b. *Rhinopetalum gibbosum*.

can be found. The seeds are numerous in each capsule, and disc-shaped with a flat rim. Generally, the outline of the seeds is elliptic to ovate. There are some differences in shape and size of testa cells among different species, but these differences do not seem to be very important taxonomically.

3.2. *Rhinopetalum* Fisch. ex Alexand.

Fscher ex J.E. Alexander, Edinb. New Phil. J. 8:19. 1830.

Fritillaria subgen. *Rhinopetalum* (Fisch. ex Alexand.) Baker, J. Linn.

Soc. 14:253, 1874.

Type species: *Rh. karelinii* Fischer ex D. Don in Sweet, Brit. Flow. Gard. 6 (Ser. 2,3): t. 283, 1835. Type LE (n.v.). (See illustration in Fig. 2)

General description of Iranian species:

Bulbous perennials; bulb usually of 2, sometimes 3 or 4 fleshy or farinaceous subglobose scales, ± tunicated by the marcescent remains of scales of the previous year or years. Stem erect, smooth or papillose. Leaves usually glaucous, opposite to alternate, linear, lanceolate to ovate. Flowers nodding or ± horizontal at maturity, 1-7 or more in racemes. Perianth zygomorphic or actinomorphic, cup-shaped or bell-shaped. Nectaries deeply depressed, appearing on the outside of the tepals as dark hump or sac-like projections, equal in some species, unequal in others, nectary orifice bordered by two ± fringed, purplish-brown lobes, which are densely short-ciliate at least basally in. Filaments ± papillose. Anthers basifixd. Pollen monocolpate, often rugulate. Style glabrous, entire, slender. Ovary 6-angled. Fruit a ± depressed-globose capsule, winged or wingless, narrowed into a stipe. Seeds numerous, discoid, ovate in outline, with a wide flat margin.

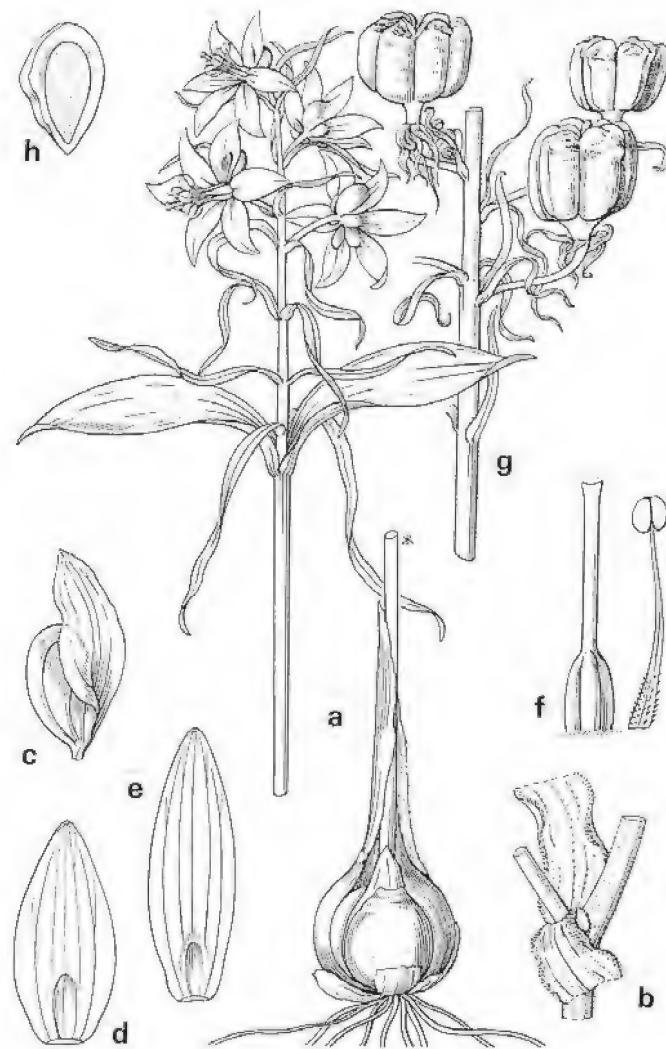


Fig. 2. *Rhinopetalum karelinii*. a) a flowering plant, b) part of stem with base of bracts and pedicel, c) uppermost outer tepal, d) lateral outer tepal, e) inter tepal, f) stamen and gynoecium, g) part of fruiting stem, h) seed.

3.3. Key to the Iranian taxa of *Rhinopetalum*.

- Perianth segments distinctly pink-tessellated; nectary lobes broad; filaments very minutely papillose at base.....1. *Rh. gibbosum*
Perianth segments finely pink-spotted; nectary lobes very narrow; filaments densely papillose at base.....2. *Rh. arianum*

3.3a. *Rhinopetalum gibbosum* (Boiss.) Los.-Losinsk. & Vved. (Fig. 1a)

Losina-Losinskaya & Vvedensky, in Komarov, Fl. U.R.S.S. 4:297, 1935.

Fritillaria gibbosa Boissier, Diagn. Pl. Nov. 1 (7):107, 1846.

Fritillaria karelinii Fisch. f. *gibbosa* (Boiss.) Bornmüller, Pl. Strauss., Beih. Bot. Centralbl. 24:99, 1908.

Type: Iran. "Schiraz, in declivibus prope ruinas Persepolis", April 1842, Kotschy 827 (holo. G-Boiss., iso. P!).



Fig. 3. *Rhinopetalum stenatherum*.

F. pterocarpa Stocks, Hooker's J. Bot. 4:180, 1852 (n.v.).

Ic.: Furse & Nowell, The Lily Year Book 27, Fig. 42, 1964. – Mathew, J. Roy. Hort. Soc. 99: Fig. 11, 1965. – Wendelbo, Tulips & Irises of Iran, Fig. 26, 1977. – Rechinger, Flora Iranica 165, t. 173, Fig. 4, 1990.

Description:

Bulb narrowly ovoid to subglobose, up to 3 cm diameter, consisting of two fleshy scales; without bulbils or stolons. Stem 7-17-(25) cm, densely papillose, especially at base. Leaves 4-10-(12), usually opposite, glaucous; the lowest 3.5-7 x 1-2 cm, lanceolate to ovate; the upper shorter and much narrower than the lower, linear, acute; bract leaves linear, acute, usually 2 at the base of each pedicel. Flowers 1-7-(10), nodding at maturity, zygomorphic. Perianth segments 15-20 x 7-10 mm, ± pink-tessellated, with many dark nerves, darker at the base, ovate-lanceolate; the outer somewhat narrower than the inner. Nectaries placed ca. 0.5 mm above the base of the perianth segments, ca. 3-5.5 mm at orifice, the upper larger than the others, strongly calcarate, bordered by two broad, fringed, purplish-brown lobes, which are densely short-ciliate basally; nectaries of the outer tepals much more deeply impressed than those of the inner series. Filaments (5)-8-10 mm long, usually purplish, slender, minutely papillose toward base. Anthers 2-2.5 mm long, broadly oblong, purplish; pollen sculpture rugulate. Style 6-13 mm long, slender, entire, glabrous, pale purplish. Ovary 5-6 mm long, cylindrical, 6-angled. Capsule 10-16 mm long, subglobose, winged, toothed at top. Seeds 4.5-6 x 2-3 mm, ovate in outline.

Chromosome number: $2n = 24$ (Bakhshi Khaniki, 1998).

Flowering time: Early March-May.

Ecology and distribution: Stony slopes, steppes, bare rocky soil, rounded clay hills, 625-2050 m. Also known from Turkomania, Afghanistan, Pakistan and S. Transcaucasia.

Rhinopetalum gibbosum is a rather widespread species in Iran. It is rather variable both in number and colour of the flowers. It resembles *Rh. arianum* in the shape of the perianth segments and in general shape of the nectaries, but differs in having a chequered pattern on its perianth, wide nectary lobes (Bakhshi Khaniki & Persson 1997), and only minutely papillose filaments.

Specimens Examined:

Iran: *Tehran:* road from Tehran to Karaj, Park-e Chitgar, 1350 m, 23.3.1993, Bakhshi Khaniki 1 (GB); Lashkarak towards Afgeh, Kuhhay-e Närün, 1550–1750 m, 30.4.1976, Termeh & Matin 34905 (W, E), 1550 m, 29.3.1993, Bakhshi Khaniki 2 (GB); Mardabad, south of Karaj, frequent on hills, 1200 m, 30.3.1976, Wendelbo et al. 19047 (GB, TARI), 1350 m, 3.4.1993, Bakhshi Khaniki 3 (GB); Karaj, Ravandeh, 5.4.1934, Maula 8022 (GB, E), Gauba et al. 1565 (W); ridge north-west of Qum lake on road from Tehran, stony slopes, 1350 m, 30.3.1975, Wendelbo & Assadi 15291 (GB, TARI); west sides of road from Tehran to Qum, 5 km north of Kushk-e Nusrat, 1219 m, 31.3.1969, Hewer 905 (K); Elborz mountain, south side of watershed between Qazvin and Rasht, in rocky slopes, 625 m, 18.3.1962, Furse 1100 (K); Qazvin, Karaj, in mountain near the village Kalak, 1600 m, Rechinger 2746, 37594, (G, GB, W); Tehran to Arak, 41 km from Arak, 1350 m, 21.5.1993, Bakhshi Khaniki 32 (GB). – *Khorasan:* between Bojnurd and Shirvan, in clay, 1000 m, 20.4.1967, Rechinger 33182 (W); south east of Fariman, 1350 m, 21.4.1967, Rechinger 33204 (W); 62 km south of Sabzevar, road of Kashmar, 1500 m, 19.4.1976, Rejamand & Bazargan 31674 (W, TUH); Kuhhay-e Nishabour, 1800 m, 30.5.1948, Rechinger 7324 (W, TUH); 14 km east of Bojnurd, 980 m, 15.5.1966, Rioux & Golvan 7881 (G); Quchan to Sultanabad, stony slopes below igneous cliffs, 1800 m, 8.4.1964, Furse 5218 (GB, K); 24 km north of Quchan, Kopet Dagh, in sandy calcareous soil among *Artemisia*, *Umbelliferae*, *Leguminosae*, 2000 m, 19.5.1966, Furse 7520 (K); Kopet Dagh range, 30 km west of Darreh Gaz and 40 km north east of Quchan, on N-facing slope of immature rocky soil, 1900 m, 21.4.1871, Gibbons 56 (K); Torbat-e Haydariyah, Robat Safid, 1800–2000 m, 27.5.1948, Rechinger 4459 (W); Bojnurd, Chaman Bid, 1500 m, 19.4.1967, Rechinger 33179 (W); road from Bojnurd to Gorgan, before Rabatcharbil village, 1050–1250 m, 7.4.1993, Bakhshi Khaniki 4 (GB). – *Mazandaran:* Gorgan, Golestan forest, near Bojnurd road, along side road to Bakadeh, in *Artemisia*-steppe, 1250 m, 2.5.1974, Wendelbo et al. 11074 (GB, TARI), 1800 m, 2.5.1993, Bakhshi Khaniki 17 (GB); Gorgan, Shah Pasand to Shahrud, south side of pass, in *Artemisia* steppe, 3.5.1974, Wendelbo et al. 11141 (GB, TARI); 1950–1800 m, 18.5.1978, Wendelbo & Assadi 29678 (GB, TARI); Gorgan, towards Bojnurd, 106 km from Shahpasand, 1120–1300 m, 22.5.1976, Termeh & Matin 34889 (W, E). – *Azarbaijan:* 14 km south of Khoy on road to Shahpur, 1200 m, hills with sterile soil partly without vegetation, partly with *Artemisia*, 24.4.1976, Wendelbo & Assadi 19261 (GB),

TARI, TUH); 20 km south west of Jolfa on road to Evaghli, soil slopes, 1100 m, 22.4.1976, Wendelbo & Assadi 19236 (GB, TARI); 50 km after Zanjan on road to Tabriz, stony ground, 1350 m, 20.4.1976, Wendelbo & Assadi 19177 (GB); Khoy, on rocky hillside in full sun, 4000 m, Mathew in BSBE 519 (K); Tabriz, 1928, Gilliat-Smith 2212 (K). – *Hamadan*: Hamadan, south east of Rooan, 1845 m, among *Hulteimia* on low, rounded clay ridges, 11.5.1966, Archibald 1792 (GB); Aq Bulaq, c. 100 km north of Hamadan, 15.4.1960, Rioux & Golván 11 (W, G); Aq Bolagh Morched, 60 km from Bijar, 24.4–10.5.1956, Schmid 6706 (G). – *Arak*: Arak to Golpaigan, 40 km east of Arak, 2031 m, 23.4.1962, Furse 1571 (K, W); Arak (Sultanabad), 20.5.1895, Strauss 49 (G).

Afghanistan: *Harat*: between Obeh and Khodja Chist near Pardu Kham (bulbs cultivated at Göteborg Botanical Garden, Sweden), 10.5.1969, Hedge, Wendelbo & Ekberg, W-7771 (BG); Istalif, 3.4.1958, Lindberg 398 (BG); Salzak pass on road from Herat to Qala Nau, mountain at start of pass, stony slopes, 2150 m, 16.5.1969, Hedge, Wendelbo & Ekberg W-8075 (GB); Harat, 1400 m, 1.4.1949, Köie 3565 (W). – *Logar*: Logar valley, in wheat field, 18.4.1968, Jörgensen 450 (GB) – *Fariab*: near Kawlyan, east of Belcheragh, soil slopes, 1200 m, 26.5.1969, Hedge, Wendelbo & Ekberg W-8391 (GB) – *Baghlan*: Mirza Antibili pass, soil slopes, 1450 m, 31.5.1969, Hedge, Wendelbo & Ekberg W-8551 (GB) – *Zabul*: 20 km north-west of Shenkay, Qlati-e Ghilzai, 2170 m, 25.3.1971, Podlech 20094 (G) – *Urgun*: 35 km north-west of Urgun, towards Surmat, 2200–2400 m, 10.6.1967, Rechinger 35934 (W); Urgun, April 1970, Rechinger 88 (W) – *Kataghan*: Paigah Kotal, Pul-e Khumri, 1500 m, 5.5.1967, Rechinger 33942 (W) – *Chisht*: 1600 m, 20.4.1949, Köie 4289 (W) – *Kabul*: Istalif, north of Kabul, 1900 m, 3.4.1964, Neubauer 4025 (W); Logar valley, in steppes, 2.5.1951, Volk 1839 (W).

Pakistan: *Quetta*: Spin Karez, 1800 m, 31.3.1965, Rechinger 27340 (W); in jugo W Ziarat, 2200 m, 12.5.1965, Rechinger 29331 (W); between Qila Abdullah and Sheila Bagh, 1600–1900 m, Rechinger 29040 (W).

3.3b. *Rhinopetalum arianum* Los.-Losinsk. et Vved. (Fig. 1b)

Losina-Losinskaya & Vvedensky, Fl. U.R.S.S. 4 (Addenda 3):738, 1935.

Fritillaria ariana (Los.-Losinsk. & Vved.) Rix, Iran. J. Bot. 1(2):82, 1977.

Type: “In arena mobili, in declivibus arenosis. Asiae Mediae” (n.v.).

Ic.: Losina-Losinskaya, Fl. U.R.S.S. 4:299, 1935.

Description:

Bulb globose to subglobose, up to 2.5 cm diameter, consisting of two fleshy scales; bulbils or stolons absent. Stem 10-20-(40) cm, smooth, or papillose only below the lowest leaves. Leaves 8-10-(11), glaucous; the lowest 11-16 x 10-13 cm, linear-lanceolate, opposite to subopposite, acute; upper stem leaves alternate, linear; bract leaves 18-37 x 2-3 mm, linear, 2 at the base of each pedicel, of equal length, acute. Flowers 2-14, usually 5-7, horizontal at maturity, zygomorphic. Perianth segments 22-26 x 7-10-(11) mm, finely and irregularly pink-spotted rather than tessellated, usually yellow-spotted at base, ovate-lanceolate, acute; the inner somewhat wider. Nectaries placed ca. 0.5 mm above the base of the perianth segments, about 3-4 mm long at orifice, calcarate, the upper larger than the rest, the two lobes surrounding the nectary orifice very narrow, distinctly fringed and ciliate. Filaments 6-8 mm long, slender, papillose below. Anthers 2-3 mm, purple, ellipsoid; pollen sculpture rugulate. Style 5-7 mm long, slender, entire, glabrous, pale green. Ovary 4-5.5 mm long, 6-angled. Capsule 14-17 mm long, subglobose, winged, toothed at the top. Seeds unknown.

Chromosome number: $2n = 24$ (Bakhshi Khaniki, 1998).

Flowering time: Early March-April.

Ecology and distribution: Sand dunes, shifting sands among halophytes and xerophytes, and dry slopes, ca. 1000 m. Also known from Turkomania and Afghanistan.

Rhinopetalum ariananum is known only from one collection in Iran, Khorasan, Torbat-e Jam, near Hari Rud, where it grows in sandy steppes. It is very close to *Rh. gibbosum* and *Rh. karelinii* Fisch. ex D. Don in aspects of nectary features, papillose filaments and styles, and also in having zygomorphic flowers, but it differs from both by having untessellated perianth segments, and shorter filaments and styles. Moreover, the basal leaves are somewhat narrower than in *Rh. gibbosum*. The stem in *Rh. arianum* is glabrous, or papillose only below the lowest leaves, while that of *Rh. karelinii* (Fig. 2) and *Rh. gibbosum* is papillose throughout.

Specimens Examined:

Iran: *Khorasan:* Torbat-e Jam, Salehabad, near Hari Rud, associated with halophytes and xerophytes, c. 1000 m, 21.4.94, Bakhshi Khaniki 42 (GB);

Afghanistan: *Maymana:* half way between Andkhui and Maymana, slopes rich in annual vegetation at margin of semidesert, 25.5.1962, Wendelbo 3579 (BG, K);

Turkomania: Ashkhabad: Between Annaju and Gjaurs, south of Kara-Kumov, Nikitin (JE,W); Ashkhabad, 16.3.1898, Litwinow 2081 (W).

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ZEPHYRANTHES GUATEMALENSIS L.B. SPENSER

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FIELD ACCOUNT

In July 1990, I accompanied IBS members T. Howard and J. Kersey on a plant expedition in Guatemala. We traveled widely in a rented vehicle as we sought to locate various indigenous-bulbous plants, including *Hymenocallis*, *Sprekelia*, *Crinum* and *Zephyranthes*. One specific bulb we hoped to find was *Zephyranthes guatemalensis* L.B. Spencer. The latter was a little known species indigenous to the ancient Mayan ruins at Iximché. This archeological site lay nestled within a piney forest in the central highlands at an altitude of approximately 2000 m. Only recently had the bulb been described and recognized as a distinct species (Spencer, 1986). Unfortunately, no drawings or photographs accompanied Spencer's description. However, it had once been figured in Flowers of Guatemala (Chickering, 1973), having been identified under the caption *Zephyranthes brevipes*; the figured bulb had been collected at Iximché.

When we arrived at Iximché, we immediately spied several bulbs of a non-flowering *Zephyranthes* growing near the base of a pine tree in the unpaved parking lot. We toured the ruins (Fig. 1), but not once did we observe another *Zephyranthes* within the grounds of the ruins. Then we began to explore the piney forest adjacent to Iximché, and soon we came upon clusters of non-flowering *Zephyranthes* growing within a thick carpet of pine needles, the latter perhaps 5–6 cm thick (Fig. 2). We did not see any evidence of recent or remote flowering. The bulbs were growing in a loose organic soil, and the area was heavily shaded. Sadly, as we were photographing the bulbs and collecting a few specimens, there were loggers immediately about us actively harvesting the pine trees. Whether or not the locality was in danger of habitat destruction, we did not know; however, the latter possibility seemed rather unlikely as the logging operation appeared to be a primitive endeavor that lacked heavy industrial equipment.

Regarding the remainder of the trip, which lasted an entire week, I have briefly summarized a few of the interesting highlights from my diary. One day we drove south of Guatemala City, passing through Escuintla and headed towards the El Salvador border. Howard knew approximately where



Fig. 1. Mayan ruins at Iximché, Guatemala, on a very overcast day, 26 July, 1990. All photographs by the author.



Fig. 2. *Zephyranthes guatemalensis* L.B. Spencer in natural habitat near Iximché, Guatemala, 26 July, 1990. There are two clusters of bulbs with slender, erect green leaves in the central clearing.

Hymenocallis tenuiflora was reported to be indigenous. Beyond the city of Taxisco, the road was in terrible condition, literally just full of potholes, and it was easier to drive on the shoulder of the road. We found the bulbs at two sites, 15 km and 25 km south of Taxisco, growing in grassland fields about small ponds in swampy gumbo soil. None were in flower. Only later did we learn that only a few weeks beforehand, there had been an attempted political assassination along the very road we had been driving south of Taxisco. Of course we were assured that the Guatemalans settled matters between themselves and did not bother the tourists. Hah!

Following our adventure at Ximché, we drove west to Chichicastenango for lodging. While there, we toured a very old, rather fascinating Catholic church. Several unusual features stood out. There were rectangular stone alters with flat surfaces positioned at central locations in the main aisle and near the alter, and these we were informed were strewn with cut flowers during certain ceremonies. In the rear portions of the church, there were many old, near life-size statues depicting the Spanish Conquistadors (in full armor) bringing Christianity to the native peoples. The Conquistadors were frequently riding horses, and one was leading Jesus riding on a mule, while small figures of native peoples were positioned about the animals, looking upward with adoring eyes at Jesus and at the Conquistadors.

We had hoped to find *Crinum erubescens* near Puerto Barrios in tributaries of rivers flowing into the Caribbean, but we had no luck. We did observe a few *Crinum* in cultivation as well as ones that had escaped cultivation at various locations, including: *C. zeylanicum*, *C. amoenum*, *C. x augustum*, and *C. 'Empress of India.'* South of Coban, we encountered multiple plantings of *Zephyranthes grandiflora*. Not once did we spy *Sprekelia*, and Howard was disappointed that the only indigenous *Hymenocallis* we found was *H. tenuiflora*.

No visit to Guatemala would have been complete without going to Antigua – a city located beside the beautiful lake of Atitlan that is surrounded by mountains and inactive volcanoes. What spectacular scenery! Fortunately we were able to find lodging, because the city was over run with tourists (it is a popular vacation resort, especially with Europeans).

HORTICULTURE

Cultivating *Z. guatemalensis* has had some disappointments in Southeast Texas. The bulbs do grow vigorously, and they occasionally offset. However, bulbs bloom infrequently and rather sporadically during the late



Fig. 3. *Zephyranthes guatemalensis* L.B. Spencer in bloom, cultivated in Southeast Texas.



Fig. 4. *Zephyranthes guatemalensis* L.B. Spencer in bloom, cultivated in Southeast Texas.



Fig. 5. *Zephyranthes guatemalensis* L.B. Spencer in bloom, cultivated in Southeast Texas.

spring and summer (Fig. 3, 4, 5), and they do not respond in unison to rain showers as other *Zephyranthes* that I have in cultivation. Also, to date these bulbs have not been self fertile. On the few occasions when two bulbs have bloomed simultaneously, cross pollination has yielded only a few viable seeds per fruit. The flowers though are attractive and long lasting, usually three days in my hot and humid summer climate. The petals slowly elongate to some degree between days one and three of the flowering period.

I have attempted to simulate the indigenous habitat, providing bulbs with a dry dormant period to mimic the distinct dry winter characteristic of the central Guatemalan highlands, and each year I place a fresh layer of pine needles on top of the pot – presumably the latter creates an acid soil during decomposition and may provide certain essential nutrients. Perhaps the prevailing summer temperatures in Southeast Texas are too hot for optimal flowering and fertility of this species. Also there is a great disparity in altitude as I reside at 8 m above sea level, far below the altitudes occurring in the highlands of Central Guatemala. No attempts at interspecific hybridization have been successful to date.

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CONVERSATION POLICY STATEMENT

The following policy statement was developed by an international consortium which included the representatives of the International Bulb Society, Alpine Garden Society (UK), North American Rock Garden Society, Chicago Botanic Garden and American Daffodil Society.

The total populations and diversity of many plant species across the world are in decline. Habitats are faced with increasing threats of destruction as mankind continues to develop the environment for urban, agricultural and recreational uses.

Plant societies are dedicated to understanding, preserving, growing, selecting, propagating and appreciating the natural flora of the earth. As plant enthusiasts, we share a responsibility to embody the principles of conservation in such a way that our activities as gardeners, horticulturists and botanists are in harmony with the wider concerns of preserving the environment.

Collection of plant material from the wild has left some species of plants facing extinction. The memberships of the undersigned organizations have agreed to abide by the following Code of Best Practice:

- We strive to support organizations that seek to preserve valuable wildlife habits as the sources for genetic variations and naturally thriving plants for generations to come.
- We do not support the practice of wholesale collection for resale of wild plants from their natural habitats. We condemn the practice of misleading the public by calling such collected plants nursery grown or nursery propagated.
- We support the practice of collection of seeds, cuttings, divisions, and the occasional selected individual from large populations of wild plants by knowledgeable and responsible individuals for the purposes of growing, studying, selecting, hybridizing and ultimately propagating and distributing such material to others.

Our support is tendered only where the value of such collection lies in scientific research, preparing herbarium records or propagating such material for horticultural or conservation purposes, and is further based upon the provisos that:

- Discretion is exercised in collecting seed, such that only part of the seed production is taken.
- Living material is collected only in small amounts.

- In the case of rare plants, material is collected only upon a very limited basis and only where there is sufficient local stock to successfully perpetuate that population.
- We encourage our members to familiarize themselves with and comply with national and local legislation or regulations regarding the conservation of habitats and the collection of plant material.
- We support the sentiments of the various international conventions, such as CITES and the Biodiversity Convention.
- We welcome like-minded organizations to agree to follow this Code of Best Practice.

Schedules: Each plant society or conservation organization is encouraged to list species or classes of plants whose dwindling populations are of imminent concern to them. In this way, all groups can be guided by the knowledge of the specialists and share their concerns.

Adopted by International Bulb Society, July, 2000

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Callipsyche aurantiaca Baker. Refug. Bot. 3:t. 167 (1869). Neotype: Ecuador, El Oro, Ayabamba, 200 m, Andre 4262 (K).

Eucrosia morleyana Rose. Addisonia 7:3-4, pl. 226 (1922). Type: Ecuador, Chimborazo, Huigra, 4000 ft, Rose & Rose 22593 (holotype, US; isotypes, GH, NY, S).

Eucrosia eucrosioides var. *rauhiana* (Traub) Traub. Pl. Life 22:62 (1966).

Callipsyche eucrosioides var. *rauhiana* Traub. Pl. Life 13:61 (1957). Type: Ecuador, Azuay, Pasaje, 300 m, Rauh & Hirsch E15 (holotype, MO)

Bulb large, 7.7-10 cm long, 6-7.7 cm in diameter; tunics tan-brown; neck (2.5)-5-8 cm long, 2-2.6 cm thick. Leaves 2, hysteranthous; petiole 27-35 cm long, 7.5-10 mm thick, deeply channelled for most of its length; lamina ovate-elliptic, 29-40-(50) cm long, (12)-16-22 (29) cm wide, acute or short-acuminate, basally attenuate to the petiole, thick, coarsely undulate, hypostomatic, abaxial cuticle thickly striate and non-glaucous.

Scape (5)-7-9(10) dm tall, ca. 10 mm in diameter proximally, ca. 4-6 mm in diameter distally; bracts 3-(5) cm long, lanceolate. Flowers (7)-10-12 (13), zygomorphic, all reaching anthesis concurrently, more or less perpendicular to the axis of the scape; pedicels (11)-22-33 mm long, 1-2 mm in diameter; perianth (2.8)-3-4-(4.4) cm long, green in bud, yellow at anthesis, rarely orange or pink, compressed laterally giving the perianth a somewhat flattened appearance; tube sub-cylindrical, 5-7 mm long, ca. 5-6 mm wide, constricted at the ovary to ca. 3.8 mm wide, concolorous with the tepals for most of its length, green only at the base; tepals spreading dorsally and ventrally to 23-29 mm wide, recurved and sometimes stained green apically; outer tepals (20)-23-29-(36) mm long, 5-6 mm wide, apiculate, lanceolate, keeled, 2 of them situated laterally, one dorsally; inner tepals 20-26-(34) mm long, obtuse, oblanceolate-spatulate, margins undulate at the middle, 2 of them ca. 9.5 mm wide and situated laterally above the 2 lateral outer tepals, the third one 5-7 mm wide, ventrally declinate and with the lower lateral tepals forming a pseudo-labellum. Stamens subequal, 8.5-11 cm long, filiform, long-declinate, ascendent in their distal 1/4, green; filaments dilated and connate in their proximal 2-3 mm; globose nectar glands present at the perianth throat, each 1-2 mm in diameter; anthers 5.5-6 mm long, oblong; pollen green, the exine mostly tectate-perforate. Style 10-11 cm long, green; stigma less than 1 mm wide. Ovary ellipsoid, 6.5-9 mm long, 4-4.5 mm wide; ovules 20 or more per locule. Capsule 2.5-3 cm long, 17-22 mm in diameter; pedicel 5-6 cm long; seeds numerous, blackish-brown, ca. 6.5 mm long, 1.5 cm wide. $2N = 46$. Flowering July-September and December-January.

Ecuador. El Oro: between Santa Rosa and La Chorita, 0-100 m, Hitchcock 21139 (GH, NY, US). Chimborazo: Río Chanchan canyon between Naranjapata and Olimpo, terrestrial in rock wall crevices, 800 m, (ex hort), Horich ISI # 214 (UC). Between Huigra and Naranjapata, 600-1200 m, Hitchcock 20638 (GH, NY, US). Cañar: valley of Río Cañar near Rosario, 960 m, Prieto CP-18 (NY, S). Azuay: Road from Jiron to Pasaje, near Uzhcurrumi, dry, steep, rocky hillside, 840 m, Plowman et al. 4600 (GH), Plowman 7634 (F), Plowman 12024 (F). Km 97 on road from Cuenca to Saraguro, dry thorn scrub, ca. 1100 m [incorrectly typed on specimen label as 2400 m], Madison et al. 7517 (SEL). - Inhabiting semi-desert and dry, rocky canyons and hills of the lower inter-Andean valleys (100)-300-900-(1100) m. Endemic.

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